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CHIEF SECY.'S DEPT.

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SUBMITTED TO THE DEWAN.

For Mrs

File in the claim of
Messrs Middleton and
B. Mockett of Manjeshwar
for an extension of
the period of Charges
granted for their Ca-
shew nut estates in
the Manjeshwar Taluk

Submitted Complete
with list of Charges
as directed -

Mtto 8th July 90

To Mr Hunter's Newsom

Bill

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Cleveleys Hotel - Charing Cross - London

10th October 1889

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Dear Sir,

On arrival in England I received a great number of letters which had accumulated during the time I was journeying between Australia, America and London. I have enjoyed my tour extremely and have visited a great number of places of great interest. I was particularly pleased with Western America having spent a considerable time in the wilds of California and amid the hills and lovely valleys of Montana & Idaho. The forest scenery was peculiarly interesting to me after having lived so long in the Mudicul of Mysore and I greatly enjoyed a drive of over 360 miles across the most charming country that can be imagined on my way to see the celebrated "Wonderland" or Yellowstone National

to those whose interests I had the honor to represent.
Although I have long since resigned the official
duties of the President of the Mysore Association,
still I feel the moral responsibilities of having
been the medium of conveying to the members
your very kind promise and while waiting
so long for a satisfactory termination to the
negotiations I dread lest I should
be supposed that the delay has been occasioned
by any failure on my part to represent the
Subject generally in a proper manner.
Mr. Luddington left by this mail & Mr. Scott
starts for Mysore at the end of this month.

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly

Geo. Anderson

K. Sheshadri Iyer Esq.

Before concluding this letter I feel sure you will pardon me if I allude to an affair which has been a great disappointment to me. I have received several letters from Mungrebeed informing me that the Cardamom land question has not yet been settled. Having had such an active part in the negotiations with Government I am naturally greatly concerned to find that a satisfactory adjustment of this very complicated subject has not been effected. It was entirely on my assurance that every detail had been most carefully represented and that an early settlement had been promised, that the Association relied & has kept silent for so long and you will readily understand how very disappointed I feel at finding that the various points of difficulty are still unsettled. Lastly permit me to ask your most kind promise to accord the question an indulgent consideration as one involving many hardships

Park which is a vast territory about 60 miles each way containing the most wonderful Geysers throwing up immense fountains of boiling water; and lovely terrace formations of lime and sulphur. These terraces assume all manner of shapes and the varying tints & colors presented in the sunlight are amazingly beautiful. America is certainly a charming country and the vast mountains, the endless forests and the grand stretches of cultivated land have deeply impressed me. In one place I passed through over 500 miles of corn fields and in another saw trees nearly 90 feet in circumference and quite 400 feet in height. Among the mountains I have seen Waterfalls 3300 feet from top to bottom, and a Lake which was 1600 feet in depth.

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14 Jan 1890.

My dear Sir (28) (28)

I was much disappointed to learn that you were unable to continue your tour through the district to Suchlaspore as I was in hopes you would have found time to settle the question about my lands as you kindly promised when I had the pleasure of seeing you in November last in Mysore

I trust though you have not been able to come to our

Corner of your Territory.

I trust you will see your way to settle the matter soon as it has been a long time under consideration.

I hope you enjoyed your tour through the Northern Division, and wishing you all the compliments of the Season

Believe me

Yours very truly.

T. D. Middleton

K. Seshadri Iyer Esq C.S.I.

District that you will still be able to pass your orders regarding the revision of my assessment as it appeared to me you had gone fully into my case and had satisfied yourself that an Eight Anna rate per Acre all round would be a fair and reasonable one for the Government to exact for such lands as I hold in this remote

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Hoping to hear from you
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Yours very truly

J. D. Middleton

To Ananda Row Esq BA
Chief Secretary to
The Dewan of Mysore
Bangalore

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Chief Secretary to
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Bangalore

File 9 2. Land
Submitted to
the Chief Secretary
25/2/1924

Caldamany Sucklaspore
24 February 1890.

My dear Sir

Replied 28/2/1890
My attached (30)

Allow me to

Congratulate you on your
appointment to the position of
Chief Secretary to the Durbar
of Mysore, which I hope is
but a stepping stone to some-
thing better in the near future.

I hope you will make
your presence felt at head
quarters, and push on business.
as I hear great complaints
of the difficulty of getting a

a reply from the Secretarys office.

I may tell you that the revision or abatement of the assessment of the Shaul lands I hold in this Taluk has been under the consideration of the Dewan for a considerable time. and I was in great hopes that he would have been able to settle the matter during his tour last month as he promised me. but unfortunately he did not come to our district.

From the conversation I had with the Dewan at Mysore in

November last he quite recognised that in asking a settlement of say Eight Annas per acre on an average for my holdings, I was asking nothing unreasonable. Considering our wild monsoon. The poorness of the soil in a large proportion of the Grants. and the large amount of Rocky and precipitous land that is mixed up with the better portions but so intermixed that they cannot easily be resigned or cut off.

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CADAMANEY,
SAKLASPUR,
HASSAN DISTRICT,
INDIA.

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30 March 1892

My dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 17th February with reference to the settlement you were good enough to promise to make for this Cardamom question in November last. But I have not had any reply from you

I propose living in Bangalore

CARDAMOMS,
SAKLASPUR,
HASSAN DISTRICT,
S. INDIA.

17th Feb 1892

My dear Sir,

Since I last saw you in October last I have been looking forward to your proposed visit to Saklaspur, but the season is now so far advanced I fear there is little hope of you coming after this,

As suggested by you I called on Colonel Grant in Bangalore and explained to him the revised terms you expressed your willingness to concede to us regarding our Cardamom lands, after your

and settlement - that if you will
issued your orders on the subje
now, on the terms above indicated
I may say that all concerned
would be satisfied and forge
all previous delays and disappointmen

Please make up your mind
to give a short half hour to this
business. so as to dispose of it for
ever, and I need not say how
obliged I shall be to you.

I hope your health continues
good and that you are quite fit
for all the journeying you have been
undertaking of late

Believe me

Yours very truly

J. D. Middleton

P.S. Can I bring anything for you
from London when I return next
October

personal visit & inspection in November 1896; namely an average assessment of eight annas per acre including Grain lands, Rocky portions, and all inferior lands in each holding. I also mentioned to Colonel Grant The clause I am proposed to add; namely That no more portions of the lands now held for the purpose of Cardamom Cultivation are to be relinquished on the ground of their inferiority, but each block to remain intact as at present and subject to the above revised table of assessment. Colonel Grant highly approved of this clause and expressed his satisfaction with the whole scheme in the carrying out of which he said he could see no difficulty.

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Having made a personal inspection of the Cardamom Forests on your Estate during your absence in 1890, and having now duly satisfied myself that a large proportion of these lands is quite unsuitable for Coffee growing

Under these circumstances I trust you will see your way to settle the question

I cannot but think it would be a satisfaction to you to be rid of this Case which has been before you now for about 5 years

I must say I would be very pleased if you could make up your mind to settle the Case before I go to England early in April next. I think you yourself will admit it has taken a very long time to arrive at a

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

REVENUE BRANCH.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT. Reduction of assessment on Cardamom Estates in the Taluks of Manjarabad and Mudgeré.

LAST REFERENCE. Letter No. 1038 dated 21st April 1893 from the Dy Commr., Hassan Distt.

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Mr. J. S. Middleton of the Cadamoney Estate, Manjarabad Taluk, stated that the settlement of assessment on cardamom lands at half rates for five years terminated in march 188[illegible] and that full rates could be charged under that settlement for the year 1886-87, that the produce had fallen from 12 to 13 lbs in 1881-8[illegible] to 6 to 7 lbs per acre in 1885-86 and to 3 lbs in 1886-87 owing to the ravages of Caterpillars and that in consequence of over production in Ceylon (from 20.000 lbs in 1882-83 to 250.000 lbs in 1886-87) the fall in price wa[illegible]

from 9 to 10 shillings per acre to 1½ shillings and requested that the half rate of assessment might be continued for another 5 years during which period a better state of things he hoped might turn up.

2. Mr Brooke Hockett's application also was to the foregoing effect; so also was Mr Tytler's application & Mudfere Pyoto's prayer

3. The foregoing letters were forwarded in original to the Dy Commrs of Hassan & Kadur Districts, for report with opinion as to whether any and if so what further concessions were required in the case of Cardamom cultivation.

4. The Dy Commr, Kadur Distt, reported that he saw no reason to believe that the tax of a rupee an acre was then charged was an unduly heavy one & that he did not think that so far was likely to extend cultivation one way

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or the other and that in 1882 for selected plots cardamom lands were charged at Rs 3 per acre while the Survey Supdt proposed Rs 6 per acre. The D.C. promised to make a further report after enquiry.

No 93. dt 14.5.87.

5 In endorsing the statement so made by Mr Middleton in his letter to the Dewan (under report) the Comm., Hosp. District, was of opinion that a revision of the cardamom assessment on account of fall in price of produce would prove a very inconvenient precedent and that, if Govt sanctioned the proposed extension of the period for granting the desirable relief would accrue to the Government.

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whose estates were situated so far off in the Haveri Taluk and who should find labor nearer with the Belur Bridge and Gubbi Harihar Railway on hand.

6. In returning Mr Hockett's letter, the Dy Commr reports recommended that under the circumstances represented, the concession sought for being small viz Rs 601 per annum, the same might be granted for three years while in the case of Mr Middleton the amount of the concession asked for was Rs 3,405 per annum. No 9 S. of 14. 5. 8, (10)

7. The Dy Commrs of Kadur Hassan were requested submit a statement with ... ing over leaf ... get a ... from estates.

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C No 172 (7) 4 9 } Kadur.

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No 575 9 11.3.87. (8) 8R 9 The Commr Mysore

Sl. No.	Village	Name of No. & Estate with name of proprietor	Area of the Estate in Acres & Cents	Full Assessment on each area Rs. As. P.	Years during which half of assessment is payable or has been paid	Nature of work which assessment is payable	Remarks

in their Districts measuring more than 100 acres each in extent & the Dy Comr Kadur Distt alone for an Expression of his opinion as to whether any and what further concession was likely to afford relief to Cardamom cultivators on a large scale.

No 1709 5.7.89

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8. In submitting the Statement called for, the Dy Comr, Kadur district, reported that he agreed with his predecessor in thinking that the rate of one Rupee which then existed or Re 1-8- per acre if on the permanent tenure was a fair one, that the Survey Supdt was also of opinion that the rates for Coffee and Cardamom should be

the same (Vide copy of his letter No 1089 of 12-5-87) and did not think that further concession was necessary.

9. Reminder to D.C. Hassan District to expedite submission of the statement called for above. No 2032 of 12.7.87. 6.9 (14)

10 The D.C. Hassan submitted the statement called for No 166 of 12/14/7/87. (13) L.S 26 of 86/87 Sd/ H.

11 The D.C. Hassan solicited for orders on the matter referred to in the correspondence with his No 166 of 12 July 1887. No 392 of 7.12.87. (16) Cancd.

2. Govt were "of opinion after careful enquiry that no further concession than that had already been granted was desirable in the case of lands granted for cardamom cultivation. Proc No 5137-9/136 (15) of 15.12.87 to the Dy Commrs of Hassan & Kadur & the Hony Secy, South Mysore Planters' Association. L.S 26 of 86-87 Sd/ S.

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Letter dated 31-12-87.

L.S 248/87/88
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13 The Hony Secretary of the South Mysore Planter's association applied for copies of the following:—

1. Letters no 575-& 170 dated 11th march & 5th July 1887 respectively from the Dy Commissioner Kadur District

& Letters nos. 93, 95 & 166 dated 14th may, 12th July respectively from the Dy Commissioner, Hassan District

Camp no 2582 dated 21-2-88

14 The Hony Secy was informed that his request could not be complied with

5-3-88

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15 Referring to private conversation, Mr J. Macphail, manager for Mr J.S. Middleton, stated that on consulting Col Grant in the matter he said he was in favor of relaxing the rates, that he had done so in the case of Mr Mockett's Estate & that Government.

might be requested to direct the Survey Supt. to reopen the matter with a view to relaxing the rates of assessment on Cadamanay Cardamom lands.

16 Dr. submitting for the information of the Government with his remarks, ~~Inspector~~ letter No. 20 Coffee dated 19th June 1888 from the Dy Commr. Hassan District, together with copy of a letter dated 14th March 1888 from the secretary, South Planter's association, making certain representations regarding the assessment of Cardamom lands, the Survey Supt. recommended that after careful enquiry some remission might

No. 266 dated 21-7-88
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20. The Dy Commr, Kadur District submitted for the favorable consideration and orders of Govt, Urbage Byregowda's Petition for the reduction of assessment on his cardamom land in the Basrapur village Mudigere Taluk recommending with the Survey Supdt that the rate claimed be reduced from Rs 16 8 annas per acre allowed in consideration of the position of the village with reference to the Ghauts and accessibility generally.

No 3 43 & 10.9.89.

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21. The Superintendent, Rev: Survey in Mysore, submitted in original, Happen Dy Commr's letter No 53/C & 5.9.

stating that the arrears
exclusive of interest had
been paid up by Mr
Middleton on the assurance
that such payment would
be subject to such orders
as might be passed by
Govt on his representation
and requesting to be informed
if the question of concession
prayed for by the Natives
was under consideration
as otherwise measures
for the collection of the
large amount of interest
due would have to be
taken under the last
Govt order of 15th December
1887 refusing to grant
any concession of the kind

Mr. Graham Anderson 10. 10. 89
- from London to
Swan requesting

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would be answered as early as possible in the circumstances.

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28 Mr. J.S. Middleton requested that an interview with the Diwan might be arranged for him on the 17th April 90.

No 68 § 21. 6. 90.

(34) 89

29 The Survey Supdt for the Consideration of Govt submitted further Correspondence between himself, the Deputy Commr. Hoshangabad District and the President of the South Nerbudda Municipality on the subject of the assessment on Cardamom lands.

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30 In submitting a copy of the settlement made by Col. Grant of Mr. Mockett's Estate at Byraphur, part of the

day in the Woodperry
Taluk and post
in the Anantapur
Taluk Mr J.S. Middle-
ton requested that
a Settlement of his
lands on pretty much
the same basis as
that ~~asked~~ applied
to Mr Mockett's
Estate at Byrapur
might be ordered
as there were no
grounds to fear of
any inconvenient precedent
in his ~~asking~~ granting request.

31 Appointment Mr 25. 11. 90.
Narain Rao requested (Hde Nandipur)
Mr Sreenivasachariu
to have certain letters
sent by return post

he was pleased to observe that the original might be available with the D[y] Comm[r] if it had been written.

No 732 & 7.1.93

Ls 5.24 & 8.1.88 8112

37. The D.C., Hassan Datta, solicited early instructions in regard to measures being adopted for the recovery of arrears due from Messrs Middleton & Brooke Mockett in respect of their Cardamom Lands, stating that the Amildar of Manjerabad had reported that the large sum of Rs 11667-10-6 had to be recovered from them.

Rs as P.
From Mr. Middleton 10,110-9-0
Do - Brooke Mockett 1557-1-6
Total 11667-10-6

No 1038 & 21.4.93

38. The D.C., Hassan Dt has again solicited early orders on the subject under reference as it

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by the Amildar Manjarabad Taluk that a sum of Rs 15064-13-0 is due from Mr Middleton alone Exclusive of Rs 3,200 which he has paid for the Current Year, and which he appears to Consider as will be observed from his letter of 10th March 93 to the Amildar to be all that is due by him Every year for the lands held by him.

Submitted
[illegible] 13/6/93 [illegible] 17/6/93

[illegible] Dewan [illegible] This long pending question has to be decided. Many cases the [illegible] planted in 81-82 for the extended 5 years will expire [illegible] up to date & for some time further
[illegible] 19/9

The Hon'ble [illegible] Chief [illegible]
[illegible] must go to [illegible] for [illegible] 19/9 [illegible] 23/9/93 [illegible] 23/9

I see no reason for reversing the settlement [illegible] 23/9/93

Copy & correct sheet

Verbal orders given [illegible] Ch. Sec. during Dasara 1893 as to the exact disposal of this matter [illegible] in this file [illegible] 30/12/93

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Camp Regd

OFFICE OF
17-3-88
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DEWAN OF L. Y. S. CRE

(General Serial No. 31.)

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From S 1
Mr J. M. Macphail
Manager for J. S. Middleton

To

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Dated 5th
Despatched } March 1888
Received

Enclosures No.

General No.
No.

Applying for relaxation of rates of assessment on Kadamane Cardamom Lands.

Office.
Regulr & put up papers.
17.3.88

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Cadamanay Estate.
Mangalore March 5. 1888.

The Dewan to His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore
Mysore.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that acting on your advice I consulted Colonel Grant in Bangalore. His advice to me was that I should ask you to direct him to re-open the matter with a view to relaxing the rate of assessment on Cadamanay Cardamum Lands.

I also learned from Colonel Grant that not only is he in favor of relaxing the rate but that he has already done so in the case of Mr Mockett's Cardamum Estates.

That being so, and as our Cadamanay Estates lie in a straight line between Mr Mockett's two Cardamum Estates on the Ghauts a precedent being thus already in existence the difficulty you alluded to in conversation last Monday morning no longer faces you.

I therefore beg you will instruct Colonel Grant to take immediate steps with a view to any relaxation of the rates on the Cadamanay Estate which may appear to him reasonable and fair.

To show you how heavily the burden lies on us, our outturn of Cardamums this year is abmt 620 maunds, which would give to the Exchequer, at the old excise rates of Rs 24 per maund Rs 1240. The Coffee amounted to 320 maunds. Tha

No. 266 3012/76 (2) 4

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Survey Superintendent's Office

Bangalore 21st July 1888.

To,

The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to for=
=ward letter No. 20 Coffee of the
19th Ultimo from the Deputy
Commissioner of the Hassan
District together with
copy of a letter of the 14th
March 1888 from the Secre=
=tary, South Planters'
Association, making certain
representations regarding
the assessment of cardamom
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lands. This letter is ad-
=dressed to the Deputy
Commissioner who states
himself not to be in a
position to dispose of
the question at issue &
therefore forwards it on
to me. As this course
fits in with the suggestion
made at para 18 of the
letter in question I now
forward the correspondence
for the information of
Government.

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Dewan as conveyed in the
marginally noted Proceedings
and letter are as decisive

that

Pro: No: 5737-9/36
dated 15th Dec: 1887
Chief Secretary's
letter No: 2582
of the 21st February
1888.

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Sheriday & the fact
that he shall not be
on leave & may not
care to be troubled during
his hard Earned holiday

Offg 25 Feb

As Dewan has
come back, the bundle
need better be sent
to him ch
15 Dec 93

Dr Asstt Secy
may Organ
Except the "Dato"
Tell called for
Dto
16/12

Subject

The Dewan during the Darbar of 1892 was pleased to say that order would be passed on full consideration of the matter.

The Dy Comr suggested that the uncultivable portions might be treated as 'Phut Kharab' & that no reduction of rate was necessary.

Then the Dy Comrs of Hasan & Kadur were requested to submit lists of ryotas in reported distress entitled to reduction of assessment.

The Dy Comr of Kadur has sent a reply submitting the list called for & the Supdt of Revenue has been requested to give his opinion in the matter - (Please see Draft portion

× S. No. 45 of 16th Feb 1893

× S. No. 49 of 19th Jan 1894.

× 9571 of 27th April 94.

and His Excellency Mr. Sutherland
Reports that the Mr. Sutherland
may be moved to direct a
special measurement
of the areas coming within
the scope of the Govt order
of 16th January 1894 - quoted
above. - (this paper is
now submitted for orders.)

Submitted for orders.
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(2) that some fear exists lest the discretionary powers allowed to the Superintendent of Survey under the Rules, should be in some way restrain=ed by the recent Orders of the Dewan. Under both the above suggestions the relief sought is identi=cal but in each case the mode of granting it must be quite distinct. In the first case no alteration of the Assess=ment is necessary & Government can levy half or other proportion of

of the assessment, as has already been done (see para 6 of Deputy Commissioner's letter) for such term of years as may seem called for and in this matter the Deputy Commissioner can furnish Government with all necessary data upon which to take action. In the second case, if any action is to be taken towards revising the assessment, it lies more within my province and it

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Survey Superintendent's Office

Bangalore 21st July 1888.

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held give Rs 640 a total from Cadammes
fee of Rs 1880. But now it is sought
thay a tax of one Rupee per acre on 7200 a
es simply because it is forest land.
hile thus charging at so heavily Government ha
the other hand recently given away an area
believe, something like 10,000 acres for a sum of
200/- for a period of ten years said area jus
dering on the Cadamany Estate. This calls for no
mark: it speaks for itself.

In conclusion I beg your early attention to the foregoing
at no time were there the present have we been in
ater need of Government exercising its clemency towards
and that speedily.

I have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

S. M. Macpherson

Manager for

J. P. Middleton

is in view of this aspect
of the question that I have
considered it advisable
to submit the present
correspondence to Govern=
=ment.

4 As I have above
stated only two of the
leading Members of the
Planting Community, Messrs.
Middleton and Brooke
Mockett, are, so far
as I am aware, very
deeply interested in
the present question
and its discussion
is therefore narrowed
and simplified. The

Kadamane

Kadamane Estate, be=
longing to Mr. Middleton,
has indeed already formed
the subject of correspondence
between myself and that
gentleman and as it may
throw some light on the
question under reference
I submit the file. The
upshot of the correspondence
was that I intimated
to Mr. Middleton
that I could not do
anything towards re=
=vising the assessment
without the order

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situated near the Ghauts, blocks of land cannot be selected without including grass land and uncultura=ble land generally. To do so would be to spoil the Estate as a workable property. It was there=fore found necessary to treat each Estate, or rather Survey Number as a whole, and make due allowance for grass and uncultivable land. I have no reason to think that in the case of Kádamané, or any=

other

other Estate, the deduction of useless land has been anything but fair and liberal. That the operation could be done with absolute nicety was impossible but I believe that the error, if any, has been on the side of liberality.

6 The Deputy Commissioner in his letter gives a description of the various modes of cultivating cardamoms through which I will not follow him as we are at present

concerned

concerned only with the large and mixed Estates near the Ghauts which necessarily include jungle, fit for coffee or cardamoms, grass land, rocky belts and so on. The "Hanals" described by the Deputy Commissioner at para 2, are of a comparatively distinct and unmixed character and of small area and upon these the coffee rates fall very lightly.

7 I have now to correct a palpably incorrect statement which occurs at para 7 of the South Planters'

Planters Associations Secre-
-tary's letter. It is there
stated that the area of
the Kádamane Estate is
7,200 acres and the approxi-
-mate assessment is Rs: 7648
and that no allowance
whatever has been made
for the large proportion
of precipitous and un-
-profitable land. Now
the facts of the case are
that after completely
eliminating from the
Kádamane Estate at
Mr. Middleton's request,
a very large area of use-
-less

remission of the assessment so long as the cardamom market continues in its present depressed condi=tion and, in the case of Estates devoted to new products, by granting remission for a reason=able term of years.

9 It must be at once apparent that it would be very inconsistent to reduce the assessment on the particular Estates under reference simply because they grow carda=moms. The Deputy Com=missioner states at para

2 of his letter that coffee was tried in Kádamani and failed. I myself be=
=lieve that although the climate may be some=
=what unfavourable still coffee could be grown and that cardamom cultivation, when prices ruled high, was preferred to coffee cultivation. I fail to see how Govern=
=ment can, with any consistency, adopt the Sound rate unless the land can really be shown to be poor. If the Assess=
=ment

& of Government. I may
state that this decision
on my part was influenced
by Colonel Cowie's posi-
=tively declining (in his
report of the 22nd March
1887) to regard the land
of Manikid as poor land
and also by his reaffirm
=ing the correctness of
his original allowance
for Khrab &c. On the
other hand Colonel Cowie
fully admitted that the
lands concerned were
indefeasible and that,

in the 13 depressed 59 condition
of the market, it would
hardly pay to keep the
land for cardamoms.
These remarks I may
state, from my own
Knowledge, will apply
equally to the Kádamane
Estate — of which —
Manibid may be consi=
=dered a branch, and to
Mr. Brooke Mockett's —
Estate of Bargemané.
5 I think there is
much in the contention
that in the case of Estates
like those under reference
situated

come under Coffee rule
3 I presume Government
will not object to my
revising the assessment
but reducing it for any
other reason would not
be right. I settled the
Kumarihalli Estate al=
=luded to by the Deputy
Commissioner at para 5
of his letter, at 8 annas,
because from its posi=
=tion with reference to
roads and its general
character I thought it
might fairly come under
Rule 3.

10 The only legitimate
method, it appears to me,
of meeting the present
difficulty is to adopt
the second plan suggested
at para 8. Remissions are
no doubt bad in principle
but there is a great dif-
=ference between the
holders of the large
Estates whose efforts,
especially when some
comparatively new product
is concerned, must be to
a great extent experimental,
and the ordinary cultivator.
I do not profess to be able
to say whether cardamom
cultivation

that after careful enquiry some remission be made, without altering the Assessment, for such period as may be considered fair in the case of Estates entirely devoted to cardamom cultivation and, by way of encouragement to Estates going through the trying period of an attempt to introduce & grow new products.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obdt. Servt.

T. Grant
Superintendent Revenue
Survey & Assessment
Mysore.

the only way hitherto found of turning it
to use, is by cultivating the sheltered "pholas"
locally called "Kanals" with cardamoms.
These "Kanals" are narrow valleys between
two touching hills and is the natural drain-
age of the two hill sides. As a matter of
natural consequence, the shade here is
splendid; Streames continue flowing through-
out the greater part of the year and the soil
is comparatively rich. But such favored
spots are only very few and are always in-
extensive. These lie interspersed in large
areas of less suited and in some cases of
unsuited land and cannot conveniently be
separated. Even if separated & numbered
as an independent survey number, I think
it would not be taken up for itself as much
could not be made out of it. In Kadamanny,
for instance, Coffee was tried and failed.
Encouraged by the natural growth of carda-
mom, permission was obtained to grow it.
Its propagation was taken in hand both

-less land, the Estate in question shows the follow-ing area. That of Manibii is also shown.

Estate	acres at one Rupee.	acres at 4 annas.	Khata	Remarks
Kadamane	4,750 6	315 " "		* Includes 20 guntas of Khata.
Manibid	716 7	117 6 " "		
	5466	432		

The above figures speak for themselves. In no way, unless permanent rates were imposed which was not done as regards the Estates under reference, could 7,202 acres be assessed at Rs: 7,648 and I am quite unaware of the source from

from which the Association
obtained its figures.

8 Taking it for granted,
for the sake of argument,
that the holders of lands
which, once tried with
coffee, are now used for
cardamom cultivation
or which have always
been tried with cardamoms,
require relief in some
shape, the following methods
of extending relief suggest
themselves.

First by adopting the
same rates as laid down
in Coffee Rule No. 3 and
secondly by granting some
remission

by way of facilitating natural reproduction
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and by artificial ways. The former is a very
slow process and a work of time, while in
the latter respect, I failed to see an un-
broken expanse of cardamom growth of even
moderate dimensions such as we see of coffee.
I must, however, observe that pepper vine
is grown with less difficulty. But in any
view of the case, a liberal allowance of
"Kharale" & "inferior" and "grass" land, appears
fully deserved.

3 I am aware that in the general
Settlement of 1881, no special distinction
was made between coffee and cardamom.
It was primarily and principally coffee
that engrossed all attention and justly
so, considering the proportionately vast
area devoted to coffee. Government has
decided to treat all lands alike, whether
taken up for cultivation of coffee or car-
damom, Cinchona, or pepper. In Proceedings

5. Title-deeds on permanent tenure and on 30 years guarantee respectively, have been issued to the marginally noted Planters. I have not ascertained the exact number of cases under each of the above classes. I append a list of holdings settled at the 8 annas rate in Belur and Manjerabad Talukhs there are only 26 cases. Manjerabad shows only 3 estates thus lightly assessed. Of these, the Hurmarahally estate, held by Mr. Brooke Mockett, had been settled at one rupee in 1881, but

Name	Permanent	Temporary
Mr. J. E. Butcher	31	33 - 30
	32	34
" J. B. Hepburn	47	46
	48	
" B. Mockett	87	89 - 99
" Do	88	
" Do joint	90	
" Do	91	
" Do	92	
" Do	97	
" Do	98	
" Do joint	101	
" Do joint	102	
" Do "	103	
" " "	104	
" " "	105	
" Do	19	
" Do joint	13	
" Do "	20	

=ment of these Estates
were to be reduced on
other grounds there is
no reason why a good
many Estates in the
Northern parts should
not claim a similar re-
=duction. I am quite
aware that, while the
cardamom market con-
=tinues bad, gentlemen
who like Messrs. Middle
=ton and Brooke Mockett
have made a venture
and who deserve all
possible praise and
encouragement, must
find it very hard to
pay

has since been settled at 8 annas without distinguishing grass land and taking the block as a whole, having regard to the situation of the land. Should this be taken as a standard, the result of the comparison will be greatly in favor of the Planters in the extreme end in point of situation and lastly in point of labor which is not of the least importance.

6. I observe that great stress is laid upon the present fall in the price of Cardamom. Any temporary grievance could only call for a temporary redress but cannot form an element for consideration for purposes of settlement. As you are aware, Government very considerately allowed half rates to be collected for five years on account of the alleged depression. This period has only recently expired and again the same

courtesy

outcry is raised. Evidently therefore, the
fault does ——— not wholly lie in the
lowness of the market: at such times pro-
fits are small. Even in such conditions of
market, I believe, the assessment would not
be felt as burdensome if every acre held
could be covered with cardamom or pepper.
But this cannot be done. In justifica-
tion to the Planters, I must say that
nothing has been wanting in their steady
endeavours to make the best of what could
be done. I am not in a position to say
that Cardamom estates paid the same
profit as Coffee estates. It is very
unfortunate that just in the year or
about the time the Cardamom Planter
had to pay full assessment, prices fell
very much and what sharpened the keen-
ness of the comparison with the Coffee
Planter, was the abnormally high prices
recently obtained for coffee. I should

not

not omit to remark that in a smaller estate, the burden ——————— would not have been so very much felt. That the Estates of the two principal Cardamom growers are very large and notwithstanding their perseverance, the vast areas have not been stocked, possibly because caution is indispensable in selecting the crop and place, not to mention the other difficulties of a surmountable nature.

7. The underlying truth seems to be this. In 1881, the acreage settlement was heartily welcomed by the Planters as it was popular with them and had been won after hard fight. The Salat system was then persistently decried as being a tax on energy. The task of planting up the whole area was lightly thought of and the influences of

cultivation is so numerous as is generally stated but regarding the depression of the market there can be no doubt.

11 I gather from the correspondence generally that there is some desire on the part of the Planters that a reclassification of the lands should be made. I do not see any use in revising the classification which is not proved to have been otherwise than correct. The division into jungle, grass and

and Khadi had been made
not with reference to any particular
kind of cultivation but with
reference to the capability
of the land generally. There
is no reason to suppose
that the results of classi=
=fication would be different
from what they now are.
If reclassification had to
be done it would have
to be done at the expense
of the owner of the land
and as I could employ
none but a high officer
for such work the cost
would be heavy.

I recommend therefore
that

market and of supply of labor and of the value of the different crops, did not make themselves felt as at present. Now the tables are turned. The elasticity of Salat duty which adjusted itself to the income of the year of the Planters is now more prominently appreciated by Planters, situated in the circumstances of Mr. Macphail and I may say of Mr. Brooke Mackett. The high estimation of what was proposed to be achieved has proved erroneous and there cannot be a doubt that the rate at 1 Re and 1½ as on full average falls heavy upon them on account of the causes set forth in the foregoing paras. It is a question whether they should be permitted to represent their present circumstances after once they had deliberately exercised their option, and I am of opinion that Government should

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Dated, Hassan. 19th June 1888

From

P. N. Purnaiya Esqr.

Deputy Commissioner

Hassan District.

To.

The Superintendent

Revenue Survey in Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information copy of a letter, dated 14th March 1888 to my address from the Secretary, South Mysore Planters' Association making representations to show how the present settlement is found at present to bear heavily upon cardamom growers. The records of Settlement which are available in my office do not enable me to understand on what basis settlement of cardamom lands has been made. I am not

therefore in a position to dispose of the question now raised ———————— by the Planters' Association. I cannot under the circumstances do better than forward it on to you for disposal with the following observations: —

2. I have said with purpose that this representation bears particular reference to cardamom growers and cardamom lands. So far as I have had opportunities of obtaining information knowledge by personal inspection in this District regarding the cultivation of cardamom, a Planter grows cardamom not by choice, but by force of necessity. He would much rather, prefer, I believe, his familiar coffee. A cardamom land estate

not simply aim at taking them by their word and should always be prepared to remove hardships if proved to exist.

8. Briefly, then, I beg to summarise and say that Cardamom Planters are not many. In their estates they cannot grow Coffee. In its place, cardamom is being cultivated in patches with uncertain success. On a comparison of the situation, climate ~~tea~~, of these lands with Coffee lands in Hemavaty valley classed at Re 1, the former appears inferior. There is proportionately a large intermingling of "Kharab" and "grass" & inferior lands.

9. In paragraph 7, the Secretary of the Association says that the preliminaries connected with the Settlement, have only been effected and that yet the full

4 South Mysore Planters' Association Mangalabad 14th March 1888.

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P. N. Purnaiya Esquire B.A
Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District,

Sir,

At the request of the President and members of the South Mysore Planters' association, I have the honour to submit for your perusal copies of a letter dated 16th april 1887 addressed to the chief-Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore and the reply thereto contained in order No $\frac{5737 \cdot 9}{136}$ dated 15th December 1887, together with a copy of the chief Secretary's letter dated 21st February 1888, relative to the present depressed state of the cardamom industry in the Southern Malnad.

(1). I am directed to observe that as the opinion of the Dewan is so diametrically

opposed to the matured views of the members of this association, some of whom have had from twenty to thirty years of local experience in this District, it was considered possible the Government of Mysore might be in possession of, and have been influenced by, general information relative to the position and prospects of the cardamom industry, which is not applicable to this locality, where so many peculiar climatic requirements demanding special consideration, undoubtedly exist.

2. It was for this reason that I was asked to apply for copies of the reports of the various District Officers; but as Government has signified its inability to accede to my request, this association viewing the gravity and special importance of the circumstances to which its original representation was subordinate cannot refrain from expressing, in the most respectful manner possible, a feeling of regret that the Government of Mysore did not see fit to encourage, at least, some further discussion on the subject, before so peremptorily

signifying its disagreement with the views of the members of a representative institution which for years past has endeavoured faithfully to bring to notice all points of interest connected with industries which not only afford regular employment to thousands of the labouring peasantry, but contribute largely towards the yearly increasing revenue of this Province.

3rd I am authorized to remark that however averse the Government of Ireland may be, on general grounds, to sanction the introduction of any measure calculated to disturb the Revenue Settlement which has been so carefully carried out, still the Association cannot but believe it would be the last to decline to afford encouragement and support to an important industry which is injuriously affected by circumstances of a special and local nature, so far as straw land is concerned which at the time of the introduction of the assessment

it was impossible correctly to appreciate or arrange for.

4. The concession asked for, moreover is principally necessary to afford cardamom growers time to substitute pepper or some other product, as cardamoms have now become absolutely unremunerative

5. The suggestion of the Association may therefore be classed as an appeal for temporary assistance to facilitate arrangements for growing a new product or products, either as a subsidiary crop or in substitution of cardamoms, the cultivation of which was a profitable industry at the time when the Settlement was introduced but now can be no longer depended upon.

6. The Government of Mysore may possibly extend its ruling "that no further concession than what has already been granted is desirable" to imply that provision having already been made under authority delegated to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlement in Mysore to extend such indulgence as might in his

opinion appear necessary in order to meet general requirements or individual hardship, it is not desirable to formulate any further arrangements of a special nature, to meet the exigencies of present necessities.

7. I have, however, the honour to draw attention to the fact that it is feared lest the recent orders of the Durbar may be calculated in any way to restrain the discretionary powers, with which Colonel Grant has already been invested, as in two notable instances only the preliminaries connected with the Settlement have been effected, & yet the full amount of assessment has been locally demanded, without any deductions or allowances being made for the large proportion of rocky, precipitous, uncultivable land contained within the boundaries of very extensive grants; viz: —

A The cadamany estate of 7200 acres Forest, with an assessment aggregating approximately Rs 7648

47 B Bargeymanny Estate of 1200 acres

with an assessment

aggregating approximately Rs 1200

belonging respectively to Mr. J. S. Middleton

and Mr Brooke Mockett.

8. In both the above cases half assessment rates have been levied since the introduction of the settlement, and the association far from in any way thinking that the Superintendent of the Resmur Survey and Settlement will be averse to make equitable concessions for "Kharab" or uncultivable portions, is confident that every consideration will be eventually accorded by him, when new Title Deeds are issued, and is of opinion that owing to the temporary enjoyment of half rates of assessment, very probably the proprietors of these ~~pieces~~ blocks have inadvertently failed, until quite recently, to bring their circumstances prominently to Colonel Grant's notice and that consequently the Settlement demand has been fixed nominally at the uniform maximum rate, pending

12. In a purely agricultural Province like Mysore, the maintenance of existing industries and encouragement to establish new ones, are points of undoubted and vital importance; and with a large body of European settlers who have invested their capital in land it may be safely presumed the Government has a much sufficient guarantee that strenuous and persistent endeavours will continue to be made to do all that is possible to assist in developing the resources of the interesting Hill tracts of Mysore.

13. The resuscitation of the coffee enterprise is a striking illustration of what can be done by energy and perseverance. Owing principally to inadequate arrangements to suit local climatic requirements, estates in the District were ravaged by a visitation of the Borer, and subsequently it was found utterly impossible to plant up the vacancies with the same class of coffee

plant. The following table will show the fearful loss which resulted.

The realization of Halut was as follows:— on a total cropped area of 5-2888 acres granted for coffee in the North Astagram Division

	Rs	as	p
1869—70	23007	-1	—8
1870—71	23741	-"	—6
1871—72	20564	-13	—2
1872—73	21903	· 15	· 5
1873—74	13454	· 7	· 10

It may not be generally known that certain members of the Mangerabad planting community were the first to introduce the cultivated variety of coffee into Mysore with the result that although a large proportion of the plants are not yet in full bearing a comparatively few European estates alone actually produce more than the whole crop represented by the figures for 1869-70. In addition to this millions of seedlings (have for the most part gratuitously) been distributed to native cultivators who have

imperatively necessary to foster
an enterprise concerning which local opinion
of a varied nature had taken upwards
of twenty years to attain. How much
more reason is there therefore for
indulgence in regard to the cultivation
of comparatively new products such
as cardamoms and Pepper, it being
clearly remembered that only a few
years ago when cardamoms were first
thought of on a large scale in Mangalore,
the only information that resulted from
an enquiry in scientific circles in
England was that cardamoms were
delicate lilies which grow in the fissures
of rocks !!!

15. The periods of drought which occur
in Mysore render it necessary that
cardamoms be cultivated in dense
shade and consequently the yield
is very small in comparison with that
in the insular climate of Ceylon. The

full amount of assessment has been
locally ——————— demanded without
any deduction or allowance being made
for the large proportion of rocky, pre-
cipitous, unculturable lands, contained
within the precincts of many extensive
grants. This is not quite correct. In
Kadamanay all Kharab land has
been excluded in calculating assessment
and I dare say Bagamanay will be simi-
larly treated. It is meant, I believe, that
all but ravine land, which is not pre-
eminently adapted for cardamom, has not
been fully excluded as "Kharab" in assessing
the Kandayem.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant.

J. Murray

Deputy Commissioner.
Hassan District

effects of drought alternating with incessant rain in the S. W. monsoon is painfully illustrated on the ghaut faces of Coorg and Wynaad, where for miles nothing but desolation and lantana now meet the eye in place of the flourishing coffee estates which formerly existed there.

The following memorandum of comparative rainfall from January to May shows want of moisture must at certain periods seriously affect perennial plants in Mysore.

Rain fall from January to May

	Inches	cents
Anaplindong valley	11	. 25
Manantoddy	7	. 50
South Wynaad	10	. 0
Mercara	12	. 25
South Mangerabad	7	. 0
East Mangerabad	4	. 50
Kandy Ceylon	24	. 25

16. Only a few years ago the price of cardamoms was 8/ to 9/6; now the ruling price as per accompanying Price current is 1/ to 2/4 which is absolutely insufficient

to pay the ordinary working expenses of an Estate.

17. To further prove that special difficulties of a serious nature do exist in regard to cardamom cultivation in Mangerabad. I am desired to point out that a few years ago the Mysore Forest Department actually resolved to join in the enterprise, but so far as is known with anything but satisfactory results as evidenced by the total discontinuation of operations and the letting this season of extensive ghaut forests to private individuals, which fact clearly indicate that in Government circles the "Khaurent is considered an equitable equivalent for lands of this description.

18. In conclusion, I have the honor to state that it is earnestly hoped after a perusal of this letter, added to your own local experience recently gained in a

Sloter through Manjerabad, you will most obligingly do this Association the favour of taking immediate steps in consultation with Colonel Grant, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlement, to bring the whole subject again prominently to the notice of the Government of His Highness the Maha Raja with a view of obtaining for it such measure of indulgent consideration as the peculiar characteristics of the industry under remark may appear to you to require, and further if necessary to suggest that a special commission may issue to investigate all details on the spot.

I have &c

(Signed) A. R. Park
Honorary Secretary.

"Copy"

M. Murray
Deputy Commissioner.
Gadag Division.

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Extract from the proceedings of the Dewan of Mysore.

Order No 5137-9/136 dated Bangalore 15th Dec 87.

After careful enquiry, the Government are of opinion that no further concession than what has already been granted is desirable in the case of lands granted for cardamom cultivation.

"Signed" C. Madeah
for Chief Secretary

"Copy"
J. Murray
Dy Commissioner
Hassan District

Statement showing the particulars of coffee lands assessed at 8 annas per acre in the undermentioned Talúks of the Hassan District.

Talúk	Hobly	Village	Survey No.	Content. acres	G.	Assessment. Rs.	A.	Remarks.
Arsikere	Hosakote	Dyathapura	Part of 23	67	24	34	"	
	Hanbanl	Kumbarahally	86	339	19	170	"	
	Yeslod	Eachabede Estate	73	41	27	21	"	
			Total	448	30	225	"	
Belur	Jagaré	Chendapura	Part of 12	6	8	3	2	
		Kogilamané	do: 84	7	8	3	10	
		Koosavara	1	9	"	4	8	
			Part of 2	1	22	"	13	
			do: 12	"	20	"	4	
			do: 135	5	17	2	12	
			out of village site	"	20	"	4	
		Inokasavara	Part of 95	4	"	2	1	
				34	15	17	6	
	Bikkode	Inathavara	out of village site		2		1	
			do		1		1	
		Kadadaravally	69	22	10	11	2	
		Kamathli	out of village site	"	15	"	3	
				22	28	11	7	

Shanivarsante Deeverakisi		Part of 46.	"	11	"	3
61		50	31	19	15	12
			31	30	15	15
Arehally	Kodejarje	Part of 107	11	"	5	8
		92	16	34	8	6
	Arehally	167	10	"	5	"
		143	5	"	2	8
		8	3	22	1	12
		165	2	30	1	6
	Imalahally	1	25	"	12	8
		19	3	29	1	14
	Tolalu	Part of 22	4	29	2	6
	Kogodu	1	6	10	3	2
			88	34	44	6
		Total	177	27	89	2
Grand total			626	17	314	2

Belur

Hassan
Dated 19th June 1888.

Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

further negotiations

9. This being the case, the association feels perfectly assured that upon a representation being made by you, Colonel Grant from whom all planters have invariably received such attention & consideration, will not fail to unite with you in taking steps to obtain a modification of the ruling of the Dewan as above indicated. —

10. The position of Messrs Middleton and Mockett as cardamom growers is certainly unique and should be clearly distinguished from that of the holders of the small and carefully selected plots of the highest class of land in other parts of the District containing as the blocks of these gentlemen do, an immense percentage of grass, rocky, and uncultivable waste which is obviously unable to bear the same rate of taxation as the compact and valuable selections above referred to.

Cardamom growers, on an extensive scale —

are further deserving of the special sympathy and support of Government and of the whole planting community, as it must be a source of the greatest disappointment to them to have now to contend against a steadily declining market caused by the great increase in production in Ceylon within the last four years; The crop in that country this year, having thus far nearly doubled the production of the previous one thus: —

From 1st October 1886 to 5th January 1887. 55285
" 1st October 1887 " 5th January 1888. . . . 102726
Increase 46,441

11. Mr. J. S. Middleton was the pioneer of the cardamom cultivation in this Province and to his unflinching exertions every possible credit is due, as by his example many others have been induced to embark in the enterprise and as a matter of fact the residents in the southern malnad owe to him all the knowledge which is at present available relative to the propagation, culture and requirements of this very delicate plant.

10 No 836 62

Survey Superintendent's Office
Bangalore 18 December 86.

Memo

With reference to the accompanying letter of the 13th Instant from Mr. Middleton Mr. MacKay is requested to furnish this office with the resurvey particulars of the Kadmane Estate including Manibidu &c together with its Map as soon as possible.

J. Grant

Superintendent
Mysore Res. Survey.

J. No. 1089
8-2-87
R. No. 356.

Mysore Res. Survey Office
Bangalore 20th Dec. 1886.

The results of re-survey of the Kad=
=mane and Manibigatti Estates are
herewith forwarded to the Supt.

Rev: Survey, as requested above.
The maps of the Estates in question
are also forwarded.

Jas. L. Mackay
Asst Supt

ad thus been encouraged to further exertions and have now splendid estates, many of which are worked on the European system and which in the aggregate yield as much, if not more than the total produced by the Europeans. Encouraged also by the experience and results gained, capitalists have been attracted in large numbers to Koppa, Sullabile & Naggar and our northern brother-planters now far outnumber us in Manjrabad, and are conducting an industry of immense proportions which is also in a most prosperous condition. When it is remembered that in many cases - new classes of shade trees had to be systematically planted along with the Coorg Coffee and that now millions of Fig trees & Cedrellas are everywhere to be met with, the magnitude of the undertaking as a whole can readily be imagined

It must however be remembered that during the period of misfortune there was only a little coffee produced, and as the Government demand was Halub or Rice the tax paid by the planters was correspondingly low. Sir James Gordon K. S. I made several visits to the planting Districts to familiarize himself with their special requirements and our late lamented Dewan actually walked through thorns and briars in company with the existing President of this association in order to gain a clear personal insight into the condition, prospects, and necessities of both the European and native estates.

The result was that suitable concessions of every description were sanctioned and Mysore has regained its position as a Coffee producing country of considerable importance.

14. All this is written simply to explain that concessions were considered

No. 901
17-12-86

Cadamancy 13th Dec. 1886

My dear Colonel Grant

I find there have been very serious alterations made in your Settlement of my Lands in 1882, resulting in an increased demand of Rs 1040 in March last which was paid in my absence under protest.

I cannot understand on what grounds this additional demand was made, nor am

Corn

Leasing 350 to 400
acres. Corn

am I aware if it was made with your consent & approval. but I submit it is not in accordance with the principle expressed and implied in your Settlement of March 1882.

I observe also that the figures fixed by you for Kunnybede or Kambingate" Estate at Rs 175; have been altered to Rs 387. 8 by the Talook Authorities without approving your settlement. fixing the amount of "Culturable" Forest at 300 acres. leaving 350 to 400 acres

Oakmount Pa. Nov. 15th 1881

Mr. Wm. Penn Grant

Dear Sir: Does there
seem any union alternative
to be given Settlement of
Penn deed in 1881, regarding
the unsurveyed Reserve of
1810 in Penn. Let
which we Point in our
above under protest.
Reserved under protest as
which provide the additional
lines surveyed were recorded, etc.

Acres of rocky, wild and
Cliff ground and 100
acres of Grass.
I feel sure
of this latter was disproportion
to any request by Mapp
& Sons, as there is nothing
like 100 acres of grass land
attached to the Estate as
surveyed & that Gentleman
and by the Talbot authorities
put it down at 117 acres.
Will you kindly look in to this
different points much oblige
Yours truly
J. Middleton

Register of Coffee Lands and Estates in the Taluk of [redacted] in th[redacted]

[redacted] ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕಾಫಿ ತೋಟಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಯಸ್ಟೇಟುಗಳ ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು

Name of Magani. ಮಗಾಣಿಯಾನ ಸಮ್ಮತಿನ ಹೆಸರು.	Serial No. ಪುಂಜರಿ ನಂಬರು.	Name of Village. ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹೆಸರು.	Serial No. ಪುಂಜರಿ ನಂಬರ್.	Name of Holder. ಹಿಡುವಳಿದಾರನ ಯಜಮಾನ ಪಟ್ಟಿದಾರನ ಹೆಸರು.	Distinguishing Name of Coffee Estate, (if any.) ಕಾಫಿತೋಟದ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ನಾಮಧೇಯ.	Number of old Patta or Title-Deed. ಹಳೆಯ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಯಜಮಾನ ಟೈಟಲ್ ಡೀಡ್ ನಂಬರು.	Year in and from which the Survey Settlement took effect. ಸರ್ವೆ ಸೆಟ್ಲ್‌ಮೆಂಟು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ಫಸಲಿ ವರುಷ.	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Manjarabad		Kadmane Coffee Estate						
Manjarabad		Mambegeti Estate						

Survey Settlement. ಸೆಟ್ಲ್‌ಮೆಂಟು ಕೆಂಡ ತಪಸೀಲು.				Grass Lands at As. 4 per acre. ಎಕರೆ ೧ಕ್ಕೆ ೪ ಆಣ್ಣಾ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಹುಲ್ಲುಗಾವಲು.			Result of ರೀಸರ್ವೆಯ		
With a Guarantee for 30 years. ಮುಮ್ಮತ್ತು ವರುಷಗಳ ಭರವಸೆಯಾನೆ ಗಾರಂಟಿ.								Area of ಸಾಗುವಳಿ	
Acres. ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Rate per acre. ರೇಟು.	Assessment. ಆಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.	Terms, if any. ಷರತ್ತು ಗಳು.	Acres. ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Assessment. ಆಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.	Total Assessment (Cols: 14, 18 & 21.) ಜುಮ್ಲಾ ಆಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ (ಕಾಲಂ ೧೪, ೧೮ ಮತ್ತು ೨೧.)	Survey Number. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರು.	Coffee Cultivation. ಕಾಫೀ ಸಾಗುವಳಿ ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Grass Lands. ಹುಲ್ಲುಗಾವಲು ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
							1	4750.6	314.20
							2		
							3		
							4		
								4750.6	314.20
							1	716.17	117.6

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Re-survey, if any. ಪುನಃಸರ್ವೆಗಳು.																						
Culturable Lands. ಉಪಯೋಗ್ಯ ಭೂಮಿಗಳು.		Area of Pulkharab. ಪೈಕಿ ಖರಾಬು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ	Total Area (Cols: 27 & 28.) ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಕಾಲಂ 27 ಮತ್ತು 28)	Survey Number. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರು.	Permanently settled. ಕಾಯಂ ಪೈಸಲಾತಿ.		Settled on 30 years' Guarantee. 30 ವರುಷಗಳ ಭರವಸೆ ಯುಳ್ಳ ಪೈಸಲಾತಿ.			Boundaries. (Vide Marks.) ಚತುರ್ಹದ್ದುಗಳು. (ಗುರುತುಗಳು.)		Issue of Title-Deed. ಪೈಟಲಜೀಡಿ ಕೊಡುವಿಕೆ.						Remarks. ಪರಾ.
Ordinary, Garden, Irrig. & Dry Crop. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಬಾಗಾಯಿತು, ಹುರಿ ನಮಲು ಮುಂತಾದ	Total Area. ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ.				Acres. ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ.	Assessment. ಉಕ್ಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.	Acres. ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ.	Rate. ರೇಟು (ರೂಪಾಯಿ)	Assessment. ಉಕ್ಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.				Form A. ಎ. ಫಾರಂ.		Form B. ಬಿ. ಫಾರಂ.		Form C. ಸಿ. ಫಾರಂ.		
											South. ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ.		No. and Date. ನಂಬರು ತಾರೀಖು.	Date of Despatch. ರವಾನೆ ತಾರೀಖು.	No. and Date. ನಂಬರು ತಾರೀಖು.	Date of Despatch. ರವಾನೆ ತಾರೀಖು.	No. and Date. ನಂಬರು ತಾರೀಖು.	Date of Despatch. ರವಾನೆ ತಾರೀಖು.	
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50			

Received Survey Records and Field Measurement Books of the Village.

Read, Registered and Compared.

Superintendent, Mysore Revenue Survey.

Final Settlement. ಅಖೈರ್ ಫೈಸಲಾತಿಮೇರೆ.									'Issue of Title-Deed. ಟೈಟಲ್‌ಡೀಡ್ ಕೊಡುವಿಕೆ.						
Lass Lands at 4 Annas per acre. ಲೆ 1ಕ್ಕೆ 4ಆಣೆ ರೇ ಹುಲ್ಲು ಗಾ ವಲ್.		Total. ಜುಮ್ಮಾ.		Boundaries (Permanent Marks.) ಚತುರ್ಗಡಿ (ಕಾಯಂಗುರ್ತುಗಳು.)					Form A. ಎ. ಫಾರಂ.		Form B. ಬಿ. ಫಾರಂ.		Form C. ಸಿ. ಫಾರಂ.		Remarks. ಷರಾ.
	Assessment. ಆಕ್ಕರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.	Acres. ಎಕ್ರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Assessment. ಆಕ್ಕರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.	East. ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ.	West. ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ.	North. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ.	South. ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ.		No. and Date. ನಂಬರ್ ತಾರೀಖು.	Date of Despatch. ರವಾನಾ ತಾರೀಖು.	No. and Date. ನಂಬರ್ ತಾರೀಖು.	Date of Despatch. ರವಾನಾ ತಾರೀಖು.	No. and Date. ನಂಬರ್ ತಾರೀಖು.	Date of Despatch. ರವಾನಾ ತಾರೀಖು.	
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Superintendent, Mysore Revenue Survey.

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Name of Magani. ಸಾಗಣಿಯಾನಿ ಸಜ್ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಹೆಸರು.	Serial No. ಪಂಜರ ನಂಬರು.	Name of Village. ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹೆಸರು.
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Re-survey, if any.
ಫಲಿತಾರ್ಥಗಳು.

Culturable Lands. ತಪಶೀಲು.		Area of Putkharab. ಪೈಕಿ ಪಿರಾಯಿ ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Total Area (Cols: 27 & 28.) ಜುಮ್ಲಾ ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ (ಕಾಲಂ 27 ಮತ್ತು 28)	Survey Number. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್.	Permanently settled. ಕಾಯಂ ಪ್ಯೆಸಲಾತಿ.		Settled on 30 years' Guarantee. 30 ವರುಷಗಳ ಭರವಸೆ ಯಾಸೆ ಗಾರಂಟಿ.		
Ordinary, Garden, Rice & Dry Crop. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಬಾಗಾಯಿತು, ತರೀ ಮತ್ತು ಪಿರಿತ್	Total Area. ಜುಮ್ಲಾ ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.				Acres. ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Assessment. ಆಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.	Acres. ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Rate. ರೂಪಾಯಿ (ರೇಟ್)	Assessment. ಆಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
	5064.26	20. 0	5084.26						
	"	256.10	256.10						
		167.29	167.29						
		844.29	844.29						
	5064.26	1288.28	6353.14						
	833.23	"	833.23						

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ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ ಜಮೀನು

Settlement.
ಪಡ ತಪಸೀಲು.

With a Guarantee for 30 years.
ಮುವತ್ತು ವರುಷಗಳ ಜವಬಸೆಯೂನೆ ಗಾರಂಟಿ.

Acres. ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Rate per acre. ರಿವಾಜು (ರೇಟು).	Assessment. ಆಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.	Terms, if any. ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು.
16	17	18	19

Grass Lands at As. 4 per acre.
ಎಕರೆ ೧ಕ್ಕೆ ನಾಲ್ಕಾಣೆ ಪೀರೆ ಹುಲ್ಲುಗಾವಲು.

Acres. ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Assessment. ಆಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ.	Total Assessment (Cols: 14, 18 & 21.) ಜುಮ್ಲೆ ಆಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ (ಕಾಲಂ ೧೪, ೧೮ ಮತ್ತು ೨೧)
20	21	22

Result of ರೀಸರ್ವೇಯ

Survey Number. ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರು.	Area of ಸಾಗುವಳಿ	
	Coffee Cultivation. ಕಾಫೀ ಸಾಗುವಳಿ ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Grass Lands. ಹುಲ್ಲುಗಾವಲ್ ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.
23	24	25

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Remarks.
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Revenue Survey.

Register of Coffee Lands and Estates in the Taluk of

ಕಾಫೀ ಮತ್ತು ಎಸ್ಟೇಟುಗಳ ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು

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Name of Magani. ಮಗನಿಯಾನಿ ಸಮ್ಮತಿಸಿದ ಹೆಸರು.	Serial No. ಪಂಜರ ನಂಬರು.	Name of Village. ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹೆಸರು.	Serial No. ಪಂಜರ ನಂಬರ್.	Name of Holder. ಹಿಡುವಳೀದಾರರ ಪಟ್ಟೇದಾರನ ಹೆಸರು.	Distinguishing Name of Coffee Estate, (if any.) ಕಾಫೀತೋಟದ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ನಾಮಧೇಯ.	Number of old Patta or Title-Deed. ಪೂರ್ವಿ ಪಟ್ಟೆ ಯಾ ಟೈಟಲ್ ಡೀಡ ನಂಬರು.	Year in and from which the Survey Settlement took effect. ಸರ್ವೆ ಸೆಟಲ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ಇಸವಿ.	Particulars of the ಸರ್ವೆ ಸೆಟಲ್‌ಮೆಂ					
								Survey Number. ಸರ್ವೆನಂಬರು.	Total Area. ಹುಲ್ ಎಕರೆ.			Permanent Assessment at Rs. 1—8—0 per acre. ಎಕರೆ ನಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಎಂಟಣಿ ಮೀರಿ ಕಾಯಂ ಹಂದಾಯವು		
									Total Area. ಹುಲ್ ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Kharab. ಖರಾಬ್ ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Culturable Area. ಸಾಗುವಳಿ ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Acres. ಎಕರೆ ಗುಂಟೆ.	Assessment. ಆಕಾರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ	Terms, if any. ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು,
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13.	14	15

Bangalore 11th Feb/97

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My dear Mr Middleton

I am sorry to have taken so long a time to reply to your letter of 13 December last.

I have gone carefully into the case of your lands as originally settled in 1882 and recently revised. In my original settlement I find it in each instance recorded as fenting resurvey. This resurvey has been completed & the increased demand is based upon it. There has been no irregularity of any kind. You must yourself easily call to recollection that I based my original settlement on your own figures which were no doubt as accurate as they could be expected to be in the absence of a regular ~~survey~~ survey; had the

the rent may shown on area lower
than you estimate under the
various heads of cultivable &
uncultivable you may feel quite
sure you would have had the
benefit of the difference. Of
course the Taluk Authorities
have no power to alter any
figures. In Manbhid for instance
my original settlement was
acres
300 at 1 Rupee. half assessment
100 " 4 annas. for 5 years.

The new Survey carried
out by Colonel Lowis gives
Acres G.
716. 17 cultivable
117. 6 grass
and on these figures no
doubt the Taluk Authorities
have made their demand
according to my instructions.
I really cannot detect any
irregularity of your case
has

has been dealt with precisely
in the same manner as all
others where the original
settlement was made pending
resurvey.

Your sincerely
s/ J. P. Grant.

J. No. 1250.
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Mangrabad 14th March 1887

My dear Colonel Grant,

I have to thank you for your letter of 14th ultimo, but I cannot help thinking you have arrived at your conclusions regarding Mangybede on insufficient data.

Colonel Cowie I consider a most painstaking officer and had he been able to go over the ground and inspect it I would be slow to question his report on it, but when I inform you that he never even saw a large portion of the land, it being accessible from two sides only, and, in consequence, the survey had to be done by triangulation

Thanks for your letter about the Colonel
Davis matter. I will have 15 people
to open at Pinehurst, but don't look
forward that the family there should
stay. Colonel Davis he would have
made the reservation of 7/15 as more
of a social gathering and not as
a Pinehurst business. ...

I believe I may suggest Colonel
as to the full extent of Colonel
Land in Pennsylvania running 300 acres
to believe being part, really
explored and might be cultivation
I am also writing that Mrs
Colonel Davis would have offered
the use of Pennsylvania cottage
only there what Colonel Davis
make of 115 acres of Pinehurst
as my business was to sell
all the pine timber, Pennsylvania
and

and I accompanied him a good distance during which time he did so.

If you had an opportunity of seeing the land yourself, I am sure you would agree with me that my estimate is quite close enough and that Colonel Cowie's return of 716 acres must refer to the extent of the Forest and in no way to the quality of the land whether cultivable or not.

Under these circumstances I trust you will reconsider your decision and give instructions to the Taluk Authorities to revert to your original settlement or as near to that as you can make it.

I may mention that over 1000 acres of Cadamaney were returned as

the Goverment got an exaggerated idea of the importance of such lands as a source of revenue, and the powers no doubt hoped they would be able to meet all the demands of Goverment until they found out the very poor return they could get annually from this holding - say from 7 to 14 lbs per acre.

If you couple with this the fact of prices falling in price from 9/ and 10/ per lb to 2/ and 3/6, no arguments of mine are needed to show you that a little injudicious pressure on the part of the Goverment will lead to a large proportion of the Cardamum lands being thrown up, as at present rates no European can make an Estate pay its expenses. in fact I may tell you

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Paris, le 10 avril

Mon cher ami,

Je suis bien heureux de vous savoir en bonne santé. Je vais bien moi aussi. Je travaille beaucoup à mon nouveau roman. Il s'appelle "Le Rouge et le Noir". Il parle d'un jeune homme ambitieux qui veut faire sa carrière dans l'armée. Mais je crains qu'il ne soit pas très bien reçu par les critiques.

Je vous écrirai bientôt plus longuement. Donnez-moi de vos nouvelles.

Votre dévoué,

Stendhal

I think you will admit that Colonel Cowie's return of 716 acres 1.7 gunters is open to question. In fact I feel assured that had the point been brought before Colonel Cowie he would have made his return of 716 as acres of Forest or Jungle and not as Cultivable land.

I adhere to my original estimate as to the full extent of Culturable land on Mumbede namely 300 acres, the balance being poor soil, rocky, exposed and unfit for cultivation.

I may also mention that I think Colonel Cowie must have altered his line of boundary very considerably from what I showed him, to make up 117 acres of grass land as my directions were to cut off all the grass from Mumbede and

Pleasant Valley Jan. 14th 1884

My dear Sister Mary,

I have at last made up my mind to write a few lines to you, but I cannot tell where to begin or what to say. Many changes have taken place since I last wrote you. Our family circle is broken. Father and Mother are gone. Only Sarah and I are left to keep house for Henry and Will. It is very lonesome here now. I miss Father and Mother more than I can tell. I often wish I could be with them. I sometimes think I would be glad to go where they are. Sarah and I have been talking of going to Kansas this spring. Will is going to Dakota. He has been there once and likes it very much. He has taken a claim there. He will have to live on it six months before he can prove up on it. Sarah and I will have to stay here and keep house for Henry. We will have a good deal to do. We have a large garden to plant and a large field of corn to plant. We have a good many chickens. We have about fifty. We have a cow and a calf. We have two horses and a colt. We have a good many hogs. We have about

as rocky exposed and uncultivable but I do not see that any allowance is made for it in your final settlement.

I hope I am not trespassing too much on your time if I ask you to give this point your consideration and if you can also reduce the big sum charged as assessment I will be greatly obliged.

It appears to me the Mysore Government is much too grasping in its dealings as regards cardamom lands, which I need hardly tell you are quite unsuitable for coffee and ought to be treated differently.

When Cardamoms were selling in London at 8/ and 10/ a pound and locally at Rs 80/ per maund no doubt the

Dear Josephine Sue & Paul
Matthew Henry what true he
did so.

My pen has run after thought I
desire to have I could I am
sure you would agree with me
that my calendar is yours she many
with that blessed Comforter when I
fix eyes would after & the actual
of the Israel and we see & the
Pentecost of the Lord with Christ Churches
of real

Under Thos circumstances Israel
you will remember pen observe
and see me observing the Lords
Institution & remind I am obliged
settlement in near Israel as you are
write it.

I may mention that on 1868
were of Christmas we returned

I have had to provide Rs 10,000/ from other sources to meet current expenditure here this season the returns from last crop being insufficient; while next year I shall have to provide an equal if not a greater sum.

Under these circumstances I ask you where I would be if I had no other means to fall back upon or how long any one without capital could go on sinking Rs 10 000/ or Rs 12000/ annually on the working of his Estates.

Commending the above to your earnest consideration.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

V. D. Middleton

Yelwal 18-3-87

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My dear Connie

Will you kindly read the enclosed letter from Mr. Middleton of Kadmani. Send you copy also of my D.O of 11th February last to which this is a reply. Regarding Kadmani Estate I can easily answer Mr. M. but as regards Manybids I should like to have your opinion. I see that Mr. Middle-ton's contention is that there cannot be ~~~~ more than 300 acres of cultivable land in Manybids, he also thinks that the measurement was not in accordance with his showing. Kindly tell me anything you can remember on the above points.

Another thing - Would you consider Manybids as coming

county, under the definition
of "poor land unfavorably
situated on the bluffs."

Yours sincerely

J. D. Grant

and the plot. papers &c. if required the referred to will be Either with him or with Mr Mackay -

With regard to the last point of your letter. Judging from the luxuriant undergrowth and the size of the trees and timber upon the hill that forms the Estate of Mauritia I should not call it "poor land" - it has doubtless unfavorably situated on the flats - very inaccessible - and I imagine that the rain fall must render it unsuitable for coffee & perhaps everything but Cardamoms - and at 2/- a lb. with a return per acre of 10 lbs - as Middletons average - it would not pay to keep it even for Cardamoms -

Yrs Sincerely

D. Crie

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Maddur
22nd March 87.

Dear Grant—

As Mr. Middleton writes - the survey of the Ranichid Estate was done by him - Subalterns, but the area returned is not open to question - the proof of the correctness of the being self contained — The whole of the land is forest or Jungle — Such portions as are grass & accessible have been shown as such additions & these accessible grass lands, an allowance was made to the best of my recollection 10 Chains along the whole of the western boundary the Estate, on account of rocky portions unfit for any kind of cultivation — these rocky portions were the crests of spurs running down from the main hill towards the low ground, and which it was impossible, without felling & clearing the jungle, to get at— therefore this 10 Chains width was adopted, and as far as I recollect Mr. Middleton was informed of my intention in this respect — Mr. Middleton accompanied me to the hill and under his own orders by

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his own men were the flags &c. placed
to demarcate the property — According to this
was the survey effected. —— of course the
extent of 716 acres refers to the forest, it is im-
possible to say (for an outsider) whether it is
fit for cardamoms cultivation, nor is it any
concern of the department what WC. Smith
may grow upon it — and my opinion is that
had the price of cardamoms remained at 8/
or 10/- a lb. WC. Middleton would never have
raised the question as to how much of the
Nanichil Estate was fit for that particular
cultivation — I send a sketch which
will show generally how the rocky portions
were mixed up with the valleys — it does
not intend to show Nanichil — but a similar
piece of forest — The "G" establishment was
handed over by me to WC. Ramaswamy Aiengar

I send a copy of Thingathen to Mr Macfadzean who will attend to your directions. You may rely on my using my influence

[illegible] as over 200 inches fall in 5 months annually [illegible] Timber", as the Eastern side as proof that the soil is not poor. You doubtless [illegible] are aware the excessive moisture has [illegible] than the soil they grow on. In fact I may refer you to the distinguishing characteristic of the Munnipore range in the poorness of the soil, as compared with other Forests [illegible] to the Eastward.

I cannot but think the Government ought to be well satisfied with an 8anna [illegible] and I trust you will see your way to [illegible] that rate - I return the plan you were good enough to send me.

Believe me

[illegible]

[illegible]

made all along the Western

boundary, which goes to show

that Colonel Cawse had possessed

the impression that the land

was unfair — I may

mention that I never heard of

this [illegible] claim having been

[illegible] through the

Court of the Land [illegible]

and Madras by my original

[illegible]

[illegible]

half of it is very unfit

[illegible]

[illegible]

to the Monsoon blasts

[illegible]

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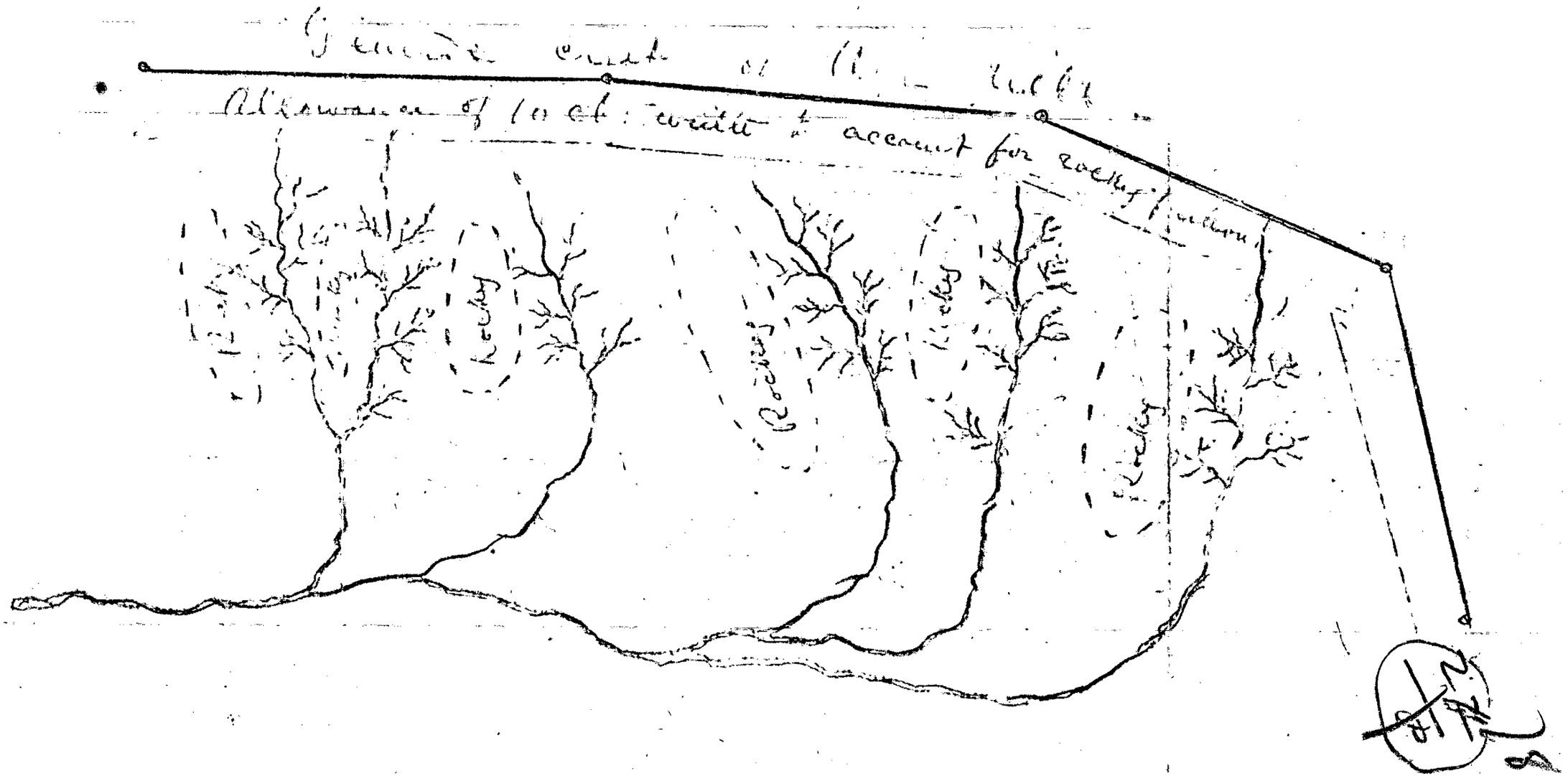
style of [illegible] is fixed for

[illegible] consider the very humid

were directed to restrict the classification of the land. too large a proportion being returned as Cultivable; and as Colonel Lewis did not, owing to the wild and rugged nature inspect the ground, I submit with all due deference, that there is an error of sufficient magnitude in the Survey to bring it quite within your province as Chief of the Survey Department to take steps to revise and rectify it so as to prevent Colonel Lewis under the impression that no allowance for Chains will


Ground surface at the time
Allowance of 10 ft width to account for cooling fissures

No 252 Bangalore 1st July 1887

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To

Mackenzie Esq
Kadmane
Estate

With reference to Mr J. S. Middleton's letter dated 13th April last, begs to state that if he thinks himself entitled under the Rules in force to the 3 annas rate of assessment for the Manibid coffee lands in question, he must submit an application to that effect through the Deputy Comm. to this Office.

WG

Draft
sent to PA

Bangalore 80

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20th February 1889

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R. Vijayendra Rao Esquire
Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore

Sir

In intimating that the 21st of next Month has been fixed for our Annual Meeting, I have the honor to request that you will most obligingly inform me at your earliest convenience whether the <u>last</u> letter from this Association on the Cardamom Assessment question (forwarded to the Nassau Dep. Commissioner 6th Jan 1889) has been received & also whether we may expect a reply in time to place before the Meeting.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your most obedient Servant

A. [illegible] Hon Secy

be given to the cardamom enterprise and some considera-
=tion extended to its future.

3 I will briefly notice the points touched upon by Mr. Graham Anderson but I must first state that I am at a loss to understand why so much space has been devoted to suggestions of inaccuracy in the Survey figures, or of what possible use, towards the Settlement of the present question, such groundless suggestions can be.

The Auditor appears to have made some very slight differ-
=ence in transcribing the Survey

Survey area to the villages ac-
-counts, how slight will be
at once apparent from the
statement appended to the
Deputy Commissioner's letter.
The mistake which really
occurred was in the Kadmani
Estate, alone, being put down
in the Secretary to the Associa-
-tion's letter of 14th March 1888 as
7200 acres, whereas it now
appears that the area alluded
to was the area of a group
of Estates; that under such
circumstances I should have
pointed out the apparent
error in the figures furnished
by

by the Association can scarce-
-ly be wondered at. These so
called inaccuracies are, how-
-ever, perfectly irrelevant to
the question in hand. The
Statement given by the De-
-puty Commissioner shows
quite clearly what land we
are dealing with, what land has
gone out of the three Estates
concerned by resignation, what
land still remains in pos-
-session and how much of the
latter has been allowed for
under the heads of grass land
and "Khrab". For ready re-
-ference I will repeat the
information

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Survey Supt.ts Office
Bangalore 5th March
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To

The Chief Secretary
to the Durbar of
Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor to
forward letter No. 63/6 of the
23rd Ultimo from the Deputy
Commissioner of the Hassan
District, giving cover to a
letter of the 4th January 1809
from the Honorary Secretary
South Mysore Planters Asso
=ciation, which again covers a
Minute

Minute 54 by Mr. Graham 1413
Anderson, the President of
the Association, on the cardo-
mom question.

2 As already explained
in my letter No. 266 of the 8. 3012
21st July last on the above
subject, I acted as the
channel of communication
between the South Planters'
Association and Government,
for reasons which I then
gave, and at the same time
I suggested two alternative
measures by either of which
some immediate relief could
be

information here, for the Estates as now held.

Estate	Survey Number	Area by Survey				
		Fit for Coffee	Grass	Bad	Total	Assessment
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Kadmani	1	4750.6	314.20	20.0	5084.26	4828.12
Manibid	1	716.7	117.6	"	833.23	745.4
Manjanda=halla	1	1443.39	"	"	1443.39	1444.0
	5	"	283.5	"	283.5	71.0
		6910.12	714.31	20.0	7645.13	7089.0

The Amildar has incorrectly included the assessment of No. 5 in that of No. 1 of Manjandahalla.

4 Each Estate is now composed as above and what is claimed is a reclassification of each, so as to allow for

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matt by ordering a minute measurement of every isolated little bit of uncultivable land I will order it to be done and the area so found entered as "Pat Khrab." As the Estates are all held at the 1 Rupee rate the inexpediency of such a measure is mitigated. The Measurers Classer would show upon the map the position of each bit excluded as "Khrab" and if the owner afterwards utilized these portions he should be called upon to pay the assessment at the 1 Re rate. The objection to this plan consists

in the Opening a comparatively new departure in practice and I am averse to entrusting such work to the subordinates in this Department long after the Survey has passed over the country. On the whole I am not in favour of this plan.

6 I gave my reasons, in my letter No. 266 of the 21st July last, against the plan of adopting the 8 anna rate, all round, on the whole Number, unless the position of the Estates, so

close

annd rate be adopted 9 3d

I also suggested the possibili-
-ty of other Estates claiming
the same consideration. On
second thoughts I do not
think the last mentioned
consideration should influence
the settlement of the present
question for if the Estates in
question really are unfavour-
-ably situated it is only
right that they should
have the more favourable
rate, and on the whole I
am inclined to recommend
the 8 annd rate.

7. The effect of adopting
the

148 more uncultivable and grass
land. This is the position,
pure and simple, and there
is no question of the uncultiv
-able land resigned and cut
off from the Estates at the
request of the owner, or of
Survey No. 5 which contains
283 acres 5 guntas assessed a
4 annas per acre.

5 There is no doubt
that if every little bit of
the above Estates, as they
now stand, which, owing to
its being precipitous, or
rocky or for some reason or
other left uncultivated,
were measured up separately

more

more Hass land and "Khrab"
land than has been allowed
for in Columns 4 and 5 as
above might appear. As the
Dewan is aware however,
such minute measurements
were not intended nor were
they carried out in Coffee
Estates generally; what was
fairly fit for coffee was
entered accordingly and
what was uncultivable was
entered as "Khrab" in short,
a general allowance was made
under both heads. If it is
thought that the difficulties
of the present case could be

met

the 8 annas rate would be that, in the 3 Estates under reference, the assessment would be Rs 3,752, against 7,089 as at present. There will certainly be a loss of revenue but if the various failures which have been experienced in the Estates concerned, first in coffee, then in cardamoms and if now a perfectly new, or nearly new, trial has to be given to pepper, Government may perhaps agree with me in thinking that all

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283. 5 – at 4 annas – 71
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all these things have been
due to the position of the
Estates so near the Ghauts
and to the existence gener=
=ally of the reasons which
would justify an right
and rate. The imposition
of the 8 and rate would
dispose once for all of all
claims for remission so that
the loss of revenue would
not be so great as would
at first sight appear for
it is pretty certain that
remissions will be asked
for while the one Rupee
rate is in force.

8 It is, as I stated in

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close to the lighants, they ax-
-posure to the violence of the
monsoons and their general
inaccessibility, would justi-
-fy such a course. I think
these disadvantages really
do exist but the coffee
Rule which provides for the
8 annā rate lays down that if
the land must be poor land
and Colonel Lowis distinct-
-ly refused to commit him-
self to the opinion that the
land was poor. I think how-
-ever that Colonel Lowis
had in his mind, not so
much the actual soil as the
concomitants of soil shade
and

and general appearance of the
Estate. I think myself that
the soil is in itself somewhat
poor and liable in many
places to be washed out
and if Government will
authorise me to impose the
8 anna rate all round, the
present grievance would dis-
appear and there is no doubt
that an infinity of labour
and expense will be saved.
In my former letter I stated
my opinion that, on such
grounds alone as I have
above cited, could the 8
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in my former letter, a question
between a remission of assess-
-ment during depression of
the cardamom market or during
the trial of new products, and
the adoption of the same
rate once for all. Some
concession is I have no doubt
necessary and weight must
I think be allowed to the
strongly expressed opinion
of the Association. If the
Government thinks that
I have made out a case for
the same rate it will be
a simple solution of the
question, otherwise the re-
-lief

= lief will have to take the shape of remission of the assessment for a term of years. If remissions have to be granted frequently I am not at all sure that the gain by retaining the one Paper rate will be very great.

9 You will observe that the Association is very anxious to have some settlement of the question arrived at before the annual meeting which takes place this month. I have therefore lost no time

in forwarding the whole corres=
=pondence which however reach=
=ed me only on three days
ago.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant
H. Pearse
Supdt. Mysore Rev. Survey

appears called for in cases of these lands.

Mr Anderson in pages 7 & 8 of his letter under reference, quotes certain figures with a view of, I believe, showing inaccuracies in the Survey Accounts. I append a Memo explaining the so called inaccuracies, as far as could be made out.

The inaccuracies are very slight and do not concern the Department in addition in the least.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most obed Servt
J. Dennys
D/ Commissioner

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Explanatory Memo of Particulars furnish

of Unenjandeled Jalak in respect of the Coffee

Name of Estate	No	Area given by Survey Superintendent: Fit for Coffee A	G	Grass A	G	Khamb A	G	Total A	G	Assessment of Cultivation of cash	
Kadmané	1	47.50	6	3.16	20	20	"	50.84	26	48.28	12
	2	"	"	"	"	25.6	10	25.6	10	"	"
	3	"	"	"	"	1.67	29	1.67	29	"	"
	4	"	"	"	"	8.44	29	8.44	29	"	"
						1.268	28	1.268	28		
								63.53	14		
Manikeredu	1	7.16	17	1.17	6	"	"	8.33	23	7.45	4
Unenjandakalle	1	14.43	39	"	"	"	"	14.43	39	14.79	8
	5	"	"	1.46	4	1.37	1	2.83	5	"	"
	2	"	"	"	"	22	36	22	34	"	"
	3	"	"	"	"	1.41	13	1.41	13	"	"
	4	"	"	"	"	2.60	36	2.60	36	"	"
						4.25	3	4.25	3		
								21.52	7		
					Land cess					4.60	13.6
					Grand Total					74.94	5-6

Mysore Office Bangalore
Dated 23d February 1889

by the Survey Department and the Auildars

Estates of Wm Middleton 162

Area given by Auildars								Assessment of appearance of crop.		Explanation						Remarks
	Fit for Coffee		Grass		Kharab		Total			Decrease of area under head Kharab		Increase of area under head grass		Kharab block wholly omitted from account last Year		
	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G		A	G	A	G	A	G	
	4750	6	334	20	"	"	5084	26	4836	"	20	"	"	"	"	
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	256	10	"Kharab divided off as per Middleton's request. Vide information to Mr Middleton supplied from Supdt.
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	167	29	
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	544	29	
														1268	28	
	716	17	117	6	"	"	833	23	745	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	1443	39	283	5	"	"	1727	4	1515	"	"	283	5	"	"	
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	146	4	137	1	
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	22	36	Do
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	141	13	
	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	260	36	
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Office of Commissioner of Land Settlement
Dated Camp 23rd July 1889

From

P. N. Pennington Esqre
Commissioner
Hasanadoluwich

To

The Superintendent
Mypane Revenue Survey

Sir,

In compliance with the request of the President of the South Mypane Planters' Association, I have the honour to forward herewith you his letter dated 4th January 1889. I have not made any observations as in my letter No. of 19th June 1888 to your address I have stated how the question of assessment of Cardamoms lands stands at present. In this

& the recent re-Survey and
Settlement of the Bajamane'
Estate held by Mr. Mock &
communicated to me in your
letter No. 780 dated 23rd January
1889. The Settlement of this estate
appears to coincide fully with
the views expressed in my pre-
vious letter wherein I have
submitted that a liberal allow-
ance of Khumb land and a
distinct determination of the
extent of (in this case) Supreem
or Cardamom lands and of
inferior lands on those where
Coffee or Pepper may or may not
grow under clauses I & III
respectively of the terms of Settlement
of August 1881, is all that appears

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Manjanhalla Estate
Manzerabad.
4th January 1889.

Copy
Original kept below

To
P. N. Purnaiya Esqr B.A
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you annexed, for the favor of your perusal, and for early submission to the Dewan in Council, through the Superintendent of Survey and settlement, Colonel J. P. Grant, a Minute on the Cardamom question prepared by the President of this association. At same time I venture to draw attention to the fact that Mr. Middleton's presence in the South affords an opportunity for obtaining any further information that may be required, and in conclusion I desire to respectfully intimate how gratifying it would be to us (the Executive) to know that a satisfactory termination has been arrived

arrived at, before the annual meeting
to be held in march.

I have &c

(Signed) A. R. Park
Honorary Secretary
South Mysore Planters' association.

Bangalore 24th December 1888

A. A. Park Esquire
Honorary Secretary
South Mysore Planters Association

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the favour of your obliging consideration, modification or approval, rough draft of a minute I have prepared on the Cardamom question.

I shall esteem it a further favor if you will lay it before Mr. Middleton, and ascertain how far it meets with his approval and kindly obtain from him any suggestions he may desire to make in the way of amendment. After this be pleased to return the draft to me for submission to Mr Brooke Mockett.

After Mr. Mocketts views have been obtained I will draw up a clean copy and forward it to you for the favor of transmission to P. N. Sivaraja Esquire our Deputy Commissioner with a covering letter asking him to forward it through Colonel Grant the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlement

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for submission to the Dewan in Council.

I have &c

(Signed) Grm. Anderson
President

E. & O. E
(Copy) Ind. G. A

Manjanhalla Estate
Munzerabad 27th December 1888.

Graham Anderson Esqre
President,
South Mysore Planters Association

Sir,

In returning your Draft of the proposed letter to Government on the Cardaman question, I have the honor to inform you that I have made a few corrections and beg to state that your views meet with my entire approval.

I have &c
(Signed) A. R. Park
Honorary Secretary

E. & O. E.
(Copy)
(Sd) G. A.

Minute prepared and submitted by the President of the South Mysore Planters' association relating to the negotiations connected with the subject of lands granted for cardamom cultivation.

During my recent visit to Mysore as a delegate from the South Mysore Planters association, I esteemed it my duty to endeavour to ascertain the position and prospects of the negotiations which the association has had the honor to conduct with the Government of Mysore, relative to the necessity which exists for the extension of some special consideration to those members of the planting community who are holders of extensive grants of land in the vicinity of the ghauts in the malnad of this Province for the purpose of cardamom cultivation.

It is most gratifying to me to be able to place on record, my deep appreciation of the extremely courteous manner in which I was afforded every possible information on this most interesting & difficult subject.

I was deeply impressed with the responsibilities of my position, as I always esteem it my duty, while holding the post of President of the association, to endeavour to the best of my humble ability to explain minutely every detail so that in the future, neither the Government nor those I have the honor to represent, may have reason to blame me for insufficient elaboration of any subject which has been committed to my charge.

When the association first resolved to represent the necessity for special consideration in regard to the tenure of lands granted for Cardamum cultivation, I readily acknowledge that I did not anticipate so many self-evident difficulties as have been shewn to exist during the progress of negotiations which have been going on since april 1887 but I cannot but consider it my duty to continue to afford every information in my power, which in my humble estimation is calculated to assist to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of the whole question.

I may therefore, I hope, be pardoned if I review the principal points which

have been discussed and drawn special attention to certain details which I venture to think are deserving of indulgent consideration. In April 1887 the association represented to the Government of Mysore that the unlooked for and sudden depreciation of Cardamoms in the Home and local markets entailed a heavy loss on those engaged in the Cardamom industry and unmistakably indicated the danger which would attend the extension of the same unless it was associated with the cultivation of subsidiary products. Stress was laid on the many difficulties which would have to be encountered owing to the dense shade, which is essential as a covering for Cardamoms, being inimical to the growth of any other known product. Pepper, it was stated, was being tried, but would apparently take many years to come into full bearing. Neither Coffee nor tea it was submitted could be grown under dense shade and Cinchona has already become proverbially well known as an unremunerative product.

While pointing out that very little

was

was known relative to the culture and requirements of Cardamoms when their growth was experimentally attempted in Mysore, the Association submitted that local experience soon demonstrated the fact that in any given grant of land only a very small proportion could possibly be utilized for Cardamom cultivation.

It was further stated that in the vicinity of the ghauts it is utterly impossible to select a block of land of any considerable extent without including within the boundaries a large percentage of grass, rocky, precipitous and bona fide uncultivable land which could not possibly be relinquished without gravely interfering with the future success of the Estate.

Reference was made to the many difficulties experienced by Cardamom planters and the losses which resulted from the attack of Caterpillars and from the alarming drought which preceded the Famine.

Yours

A — That it was feared lest the ruling of Government might in anyway disturb or restrict the discretionary powers with which the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlement had been invested.

B — That adequate allowance had not been made in the Cadamoney and Bargey-minnay Estates for "Kharab" or bona fide uncultivable land intimately mixed up in the holdings and which although perfectly useless could not be cut off or resigned without ruining the completeness of the grant as a convenient and workable property.

During my visit to Mysore I ascertained that all the representations from the Association had engaged the earnest and most careful consideration of the Government of Mysore and I came away with the following impressions which

I quote entirely from memory as I had no opportunity of making written notes: —

1. That the Superintendent of Revenue Settlement could not revise any settlement already made without the special sanction of the Durbar.

2. That most of the arguments advanced by the association could not, for good and sufficient reasons, be regarded by Government as satisfactory grounds for altering the settlement.

3. That the Government had been assured that a most liberal allowance for "Kharab" had been made.

4. That the figures supplied by the association were inaccurate.

5. That although the Government of Mysore was diametrically opposed on principle to any disturbance of the Settlement, unless it could be proved to be imperfect, it is not averse to accord

indulgent

have ever been associated.

In the first place, I obtained particulars of survey of the Cadamoney, Manjanhalla and Moneyestates through the Survey Department, and solicited from Mr Middleton the data which had been supplied to the association as an approximate estimate, and requested him to obtain from the local Cutcherry the particulars of the Government demand made upon him on account of assessment.

I have the honor to submit notes of the information which I have been supplied with, and to remark that the association figures appear to me to be as correct as it was possible to make them from the calculations then available.

It will be seen that even now the local Cutcherry account is not identical with that received from the Survey Department.

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Memo

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I have made a rough calculation on the figures given

	acres	@	Rupees	Remarks
Cadamoney				
Good	4750	1R	4750--	
Grass	315	¼ -	78-12--	
Money bede				The association stated as follows:- 7200 acres paying Rupees 7648
Good	716	1R	716---	
Grass	117	¼ -	29-4--	
Manjanhalla				Difference
Good	1443	@1R	1443---	287 acres &
Grass	146	¼ -	36-8--	Rupees 153-10-6
	7487		7053-8--	
	Local Fund Say about		440-13-6	
	Rupies		7494-5-6	

Return as supplied by the Manageress Cutchery of the acreage and amount of assessment of the undermentioned Estates.

Cadamany Estate

	acres	gunta		acreage & assessment R. a. P
No 1 contains	4750	6	and assessed @ 1R per acre	4750---
Grass land	334	20	4 annas	84---
	5084	26		4834---
			Local Fund	302-2-4
				5136-2-4

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Manjanhalla Estate. acreage & assessment.

	acres. Goontas		R. a. P.
no 1 Contains	1443 - 39	assessed at	
		R1 per acre	1444 - " —
Grass land —	283 - 5	- 4 annas	— 71 - " —
	1727 - 4		1515 — " —
		Local Fund	94 - 11 —
		Rs.	1609 - 11 —

Manibid Estate. acreage & assessment.

	acres. Goontas		R. a. P.
no 1 Contains	716 - 17	assessed at	
		1R per acre	716 - " —
Grass land —	117 - 6	4 annas —	29 - " —
	833 - 23		745 - " —
		Local Fund	46 - 9 —
		Rs	791 - 9 —

	acres - Goontas		
Memo - Totals -	7645 -	13.	Rs 75 37 - 6 —

Return as supplied by N. Narsim Iyengar amildar of Manjinabad of the acreage and amount of assessment of the undermentioned Estates in 1886.

Cadiamaney

	acres. Goontas	assessed at	Rs. a. P
no. 1 Contains ...	5064 - 26	a	5065 - " —
2 Grass ...	3/4 - ...	do	78 - " —
		Rs	5143 - " —

Manjanhalla

	acres. Goontas		R. a. P
no. 1 Contains -	1443 - 39		- 1444 - " —
2 Grass -	146 - 4	...	36 - 8 —
	1590 - 3		1480 - 8 — "

Manibede

Manibede

		R. a. p
300	acres @ half rate assessment	150-"-"
100	Grass @ 4 as per acre	25-"-"
400		175-"-"

The figures for Manibede were got from the amildar previous to the completion of the survey, hence the difference in figures.

(Signed) J. M. Macphail

Memo on above

Total acres 7368-29 Total assessment Rs 6798-8-
Local Fund " 424-14-6

Rs. 7223-6-6

Replies to questions

Cadamony all these lands under the heading of Khrab but the 844 acre block include about 200 acres of Forest scrub and rocky & precipitous portions and about 600 odd acres of grass land, all lying towards Moneybede. Not as you suppose my old coffee clearings every acre of which is now being charged for at Re 1 per acre. I think the 256 acres are the grass lands I got cut off along the foot of the Moorcangoda and

on

on Lot 1 of Kessenmanay. —

The Khrab referred to in Colonel Grant's return in no way refers to the uncultivable land mixed up with the good throughout the 4750 acres of Cadamany which the Association has referred to.

In fact the good and bad are so intimately mixed up in the holding that the latter could not be detached or cut off conveniently.

Manjanhalla. About 100 acres of the old Manjanhalla Coffee Co' abandoned coffee clearings lying to the East of the Manjanhalla Bungalow were cut off in 1882-83 along with bits of detached jungle and grass land and may be included in the 260 acres "Khrab" but in the absence of a plan of the survey, I cannot state positively which of the three lots includes the abandoned ~~road~~ clearings. The bulk of the Khrab is grass land that surrounds the Estate and in no way refers to the uncultivable or poor bits mixed up in the 1443 acres of the Forest returned

(Sd) J. S. Middleton.

lately that the whole block
Mungbelle Forest was returned
as first class land by the Surveyor
in his report to head quarters.

I may also mention regarding
the Cadamoney and Munjanthalla
Estates when they were surveyed
that no measures Explored the
uncultivated portions with the
object of classifying them,
the Surveyors having confined
their attention to the measuring
of the uncultivated portions.

No man with any practical know-
ledge of the peculiar requirements
of Cardamom cultivation would
venture to classify my Shanth Jungle
as of first class quality. In
fact the conditions necessary
for the formation of a first class
soil are altogether absent; as
owing to our rigorous monsoon
and Excessive rainfall, the
surface soil is yearly washed
away and by this means the
residue is deprived of one of
the first Essentials of fertility,
i.e the steady accession of humus.

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and the accumulations. Our soil being largely composed of grit, intermixed with quartz, - while there is almost a total absence of clay, - is exceedingly porous and incapable of retaining the moisture requisite to sustain plant life vigorously during the long dry season we annually experience from November to April. Independently of this, we have to contend with the terrific violence of the monsoon winds, - which residents fifteen miles further inland are utter strangers, - carrying desolation in their track. This necessitates the cultivation of an undergrowth or second shade for the protection of our cultivated fields, - an element which did not enter into my original calculations.

I cultivated Coffee for about 15 years and then discovered that these planting lands were unsuitable for that style of cultivation. I have also tried to grow Cardamums for the last fifteen years with

much

much the same results.

I am at present giving my attention to the growing of pepper and I trust my efforts in this direction may prove that this plant is more suitable to a soil which is incapable of growing a plant that requires greater depth and richness of soil than these Ghaut ranges can supply. In fact I may mention that all the land in this neighbourhood may be characterized as what the Ryots call "Sappé bhumi" which signifies tasteless soil, without strength or substance.

Under these circumstances I trust the Mysore Government will see its way

First; To allow a reasonable number of years at half-rates of assessment to enable me to test the practicability of the growing of Pepper.

Second; To re-open the question of classification with a view to the proper adjustment of the proportion of "Khiat" or bona fide

unenltivated

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Memo supplied by the Survey Depart-ment.

Cardamoney.

no.	Fit for Coffee	Grass	Kharab	Total acres.
1	4750 - 6	314 - 20	20 - 0	5084 - 26
2			256 - 10	256 - 10
3			167 - 29	167 - 29
4			844 - 29	844 - 29
	4750 - 6	314 - 20	1288 - 28	6353 - 14

No. 1 Estate. Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Kharab divided off at Mr Middleton's request.

Questions asked by me.

Which are these lands? (2. 3 or 4) are they clean cut off or are they to represent the rocky land, hill-tops and technically called poor land mixed up intimately in the holding? The 844 - 29 I fancy are your old coffee clearings. am I right? Which the 256 - 10 are I cannot say. If these lands have been "divided off", this Kharab is not the Kharab or uncultivable land mixed up with the good which the association has referred. Such land could not be "divided off".

	Fit for Coffee	Grass	Kharab	Total acres
Money bieds no. 1	716 - 17	117. 6		833 - 23

Question asked by me

Where is the allowance for Kharab. or technically called poor land? Which is

068 at your request?

Replies by Mr Middleton.

None whatever. I think this must be a mistake, as I asked Colonel Lowis to cut it all out and I lodged an objection regarding it, when I discovered it had not been cut out. The Munjera-bad Coffee Co's or C. Durand's old Clearings were never included in Moneybede. The Carnatic Coffee Co's was, and I asked Colonel Lowis to cut it out, reserving only the Forest land within the boundaries.

Munjanhalla	Fit for Coffee	Grass Khab.	Total acres.
no 1	1443-39		
2			1443-39
3		22-34	22-34
4		141-13	141-13
5		260-36	260-36
	146-4	137-1	283-5
	1443-39	146-4 562-4	2152-7

All the above numbers were at first Survey measured into one. The Estate has now been broken up as shown.

Questions asked by me.

Which is this Khab? Does it represent old Coffee Clearings or "uncultivable and technically called poor bits? are all the old Manjanhalla Company's Clearings Clean divided

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uncultivable portions interspersed throughout my holdings.

With the assistance of the above facts I trust you will be able to bring the whole case before the Mysore Government in a manner that will ensure an early and satisfactory settlement.

Believe me, Yours sincerely

E. & O. E. (Signed) J. S. Middleton

Copy (2) G.A.

I have the honor to express a confident hope that the detailed information I have collected will be sufficient to show cause for the indulgent re-consideration of several important details.

The fact that Survey was conducted by triangulation, is in itself a proof that the matted mass of thorns and undergrowth which exist in uncleared jungles, had at the time of original Survey, not been removed, and if this was the case, I feel sure that Colonel Grant, with his very intimate

Knowledge

knowledge of Forest life, will be prepared to make every allowance for the divergence of opinion which apparently exists.

Although, as I have said before, I am quite unacquainted with the indications which are taken as a proof of first class land, I feel sure that Mr Middleton's intimate knowledge of every nook & corner of his immense holding, will be allowed to merit special consideration, more especially, as I understand his sole contention to be, that after thirty years of practical experience, he has found that Giant Lands are for the most part physically unfitted for the requirements of Cardamums and Coffee under those arrangements for culture which he has hitherto adopted.

Whatever opinions may be entertained on this subject, it certainly appears that there must be grave difficulties in connection with the proper treatment

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of shifting forest land under culti-
-vation which do not exist in
the true Coffee-growing Zone, as
it is well known that Coffee
has been tried not only in
Cadamony, Munjanhalla,
Munypede, Bargeymunnay,
Byrapore, Carganairy,
Emtcheemullay and in the vicinity
of the Agoombee Ghaut in Mysore,
but also along the Ghauts of
Coorg, Travancore, Wynaad
and elsewhere. The results have
invariably been the same and
equally disastrous to the owners.
I have frequently heard old
Planters discussing this subject
and the verdict has always
been that there are physical
and mechanical defects in
all soils in the vicinity of the
Ghauts which cause disappointing
results, however good the soil
may appear, and in many cases,
even in the face of the most
satisfactory Chemical analysis.
I venture to advance the argument
that whatever new products
Mr Middleton and others may

resolve

resolve to cultivate in the future, it would not be safe to calculate on their being more rapidly successful than those which the whole body of Planters in Mysore continue to grow, as being in the opinion of an overwhelming majority, the best suited to the soil and climate of this malnad.

I will therefore suppose that Mr Middleton resolves to give Coffee another trial, under certain improved arrangements for shade, shelter and general culture which his knowledge of Planting leads him to believe will be successful. Assuming that the fixed assessment aggregates over Rupees Seven Thousand and remembering that the assessment is to be considered as an equitable Equivalent for the Standard or Excise Tax, we find that it would take 28,000 Maunds or 350 Tons of Coffee to represent the assessment. Further if we remember that Cwts 1½ of Coffee per Acre were taken as the average yield when the rules connected with the introduction

of

Cadamany 20th December 1889.

My Dear Mr Anderson,

I am much obliged by your letters of the 27th Ultimo, and 9th Instant. As requested, I now beg to return them with all the information I am able to furnish you.

The Hon: Secretary has supplied me with a copy of the original Estimate of acreage and assessment as supplied by the association by Mr. Macphail. Possibly the discrepancy you mention may have arisen from the fact that the Moneybid Survey was not completed at that time or rather furnished to the Taluq authorities.

You will observe that the figures given by the Taluq from time to time show considerable inaccuracies for example in 1886 the then Amildar gave 5064 acres of Forest land for Cadamany, while the return now supplied is 4750 acres. again the figures for grass land in Manjhalla was in 1886 put down at 146 acres while now it is entered at 283 acres. Also, Colonel Grant's figures for

grass

- Estates. This will explain the difficulty Mr Macphail had in giving the association a correct and reliable statement. It may be as well to state here that all the three Estates of Cadamanay, Manjanhalla and Moneybèse were surveyed by triangulation: although as regards Cadamany and Manjanhalla a certain proportion of the land under cultivation, about twelve years ago, was actually measured by the Chain.

As regards Moneybede, which was surveyed at a later date, no internal measurements ever took place, and as a consequence there was no classification of the land; so that any data the Government may have regarding it must be very unreliable, being the result of observations made externally, as Colonel Bowie never entered the land for the purpose of classifying it. Knowing all these circumstances, I was much surprised to learn lately

of the acreage assessment were originally framed, an estimate of double that amount (although never yet realized on the average over such an immense property) if now adopted, cannot be in any way misleading so far as the interests of Government are ~~considered~~ concerned. We therefore find that upwards of 2333 acres would have to be cleared, planted and brought into bearing before the fixed assessment could be adequately compensated for.

Even at the rate of 200 acres a year which would necessitate the planting of 3,48,000 plants annually such an enterprise would take over eleven years to complete, and as Coffee does not generally bear a full crop before the ~~fourth~~ sixth year when grown under shade, the block referred to would not all be in full bearing before the seventeenth year.

In conclusion while apologizing for any errors as to facts, arguments or deductions which I may have unwittingly made, I most earnestly trust that taking all the peculiar

circumstances

circumstances of the case in the most favorable consideration, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlement may see fit to advise the Government of Mysore to accord him the necessary Sanction to revise the Settlement referred to, with a view of arranging to grant that measure of indulgent Consideration, which his varied and extensive experience in such matters may lead him to consider Commensurate with the urgent and special requirements of those, whose interests, however faultily, have been represented by the South Mysore Planters' association, to the best of its humble ability.

(Signed) Gra. Anderson
President
South Mysore Planters' association

24th December 1888

SOUTH MYSORE PLANTERS ASSOCIATION
MUNZERABAD.

Munzarabad Estate
Munzerabad
4th Jan 1889

P N Punnaya Esq B A
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

Sir

I have the honor to forward yr annexed, for the favor of your perusal, & for early submission to the Dewan in Council through the Superintendent of Survey & Settlement, Colonel I P. Grant, a Minute on the Cardamom

question prepared by the President of this Association.

At same time I venture to draw attention to the fact that Mr Meddleton's presence in the country affords an opportunity for obtaining any further information that may be required, & in conclusion I desire to respectfully intimate how gratifying it would be to us (the executive) to know that a satisfactory termination has been arrived at, before the Annual Meeting to be held in March

I have the honr to be Sir

Your obedient Servant

A R Clark

Hon Sy Secretary

South Mysore Planters Association

Barguai. 24th December 1888

A. Parker Esqr

Honorary Secretary

Coondapoor Planters Association

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the favor of your obliging correction, modification or approval, prompt a draft of amended Cardamom question.

I shall esteem it a particular favor if you will lay it before Mr. Middleton, and ascertain how far it meets with his approval & kindly obtain from him any suggestions, he may desire to make, with view of amendment.

After this be pleased to return the draft to me for submission to Mr Brooke Mackett.

After Mr. Mackett's views have been obtained, I will draw up a clean copy & forward it to you for the favor of transmission to P. N. Panikar Esqr our Deputy Commissioner, with a covering letter as may him to forward

to through Colonel Grant the Superintendent of Revenue Survey & Settlement
for submission to the Dewan in Council.

I have the honor to be Sir.
Your most obedient Servant
Gra[s]. Anderson
President.

E & C. E.
Copy G.A.

Mungaulum Estate Munzerabad 27th December 1888

Graham Anderson Esq[e]
President — South Mysore Planters' Association.

Sir,

I returning your Draft of the proposed letter to Government on the Cardamom question, I have the honor to inform you that I have made a few corrections & beg to state that my services meet with my entire approval.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient Servant
Signed/ A.R. Park
Honorary Secretary/

E. & C. E.
Copy G.A.

Minute prepared & Submitted by the President of the South Mysore Planters' Association relating to the negotiations connected with the Subject of Plants granted for Cardamom cultivation.

During my recent visit to Mysore as a delegate from the South Mysore Planters' Association, I esteemed it my duty to endeavour to ascertain the position & prospects of the negotiations which the Association has had the honor to conduct with the Government of Mysore relative to the necessity which exists for the exclusion of some special consideration to those members of the Planting Community who are holders of Plantain grants of land in the vicinity of the Ghauts in the Malnad of this Province for the purpose of Cardamom cultivation.

It is most gratifying to me to be able to place on record, my deep appreciation of the extremely courteous manner in which I was afforded every possible information on this most interesting & difficult subject.

I was deeply impressed with the responsibilities of my position, as I always esteem it my duty, while holding the post of President of the Association, to endeavour to the best of my humble ability to explain minutely every detail

so that in the future neither the Association nor
representative may have reason to blame me for insufficient elaboration of
any subject which has been committed to my charge.

When the Association first resolved to represent the necessity for
special consideration in regard to the tenure of lands granted for cardamom cultivation I readily acknowledge that I did not anticipate some any
self-evident difficulties as have been shown to exist during the progress
of negotiations which have been going on since April 1887, but I cannot
but consider it my duty to continue to afford every information in my
power, which in my humble estimation is calculated to assist to bring
about a satisfactory adjustment of the whole question.

I may therefore, I hope, be pardoned if I review the principal points
which have been discussed & draw special attention to certain details
which I venture to think are deserving of the most careful consideration.

In April 1887 the Association represented to the Government of Mysore
that the unlooked-for & sudden depreciation of Cardamoms in the
Stone & local markets entailed a heavy loss on those engaged in

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the Cardamom industry Dummist a Rabby indicated the danger which would attend the extension of the same unless it was associated with the cultivation of subsidiary products. Stress was laid on the many difficulties which would have to be encountered owing to the dense shade, which is essential as a covering for cardamoms, being inimical to the growth of any other known product. However, it was stated was being tried, but would apparently take many years to come into full bearing.

Neither Coffee nor Tea, it was submitted could be grown under dense shade, Cinchona has already become proverbially well known as an unremunerative product.

While pointing out that very little was known relative to the cultural requirements of Cardamoms when their growth was experimentally attempted in Mysore, the Association submitted that local experience soon demonstrated the fact that in any given grant of land only every second portion could possibly be alleged for cardamom cultivation.

It was further stated that in the vicinity of the Ghauts it is utterly impossible to select a block of land of any considerable extent without including within the boundaries clearances

uncultivable land which could not possibly be relinquished without gravely interfering with the future success of the Estate.

Reference was made to the many difficulties experienced by Cardamom planters & the losses which resulted from the attack of caterpillars upon the alarming drought which preceded the famine

In view to above facts into consideration the Association expressed an earnest hope that the Government would be pleased to extend some temporary encouragement to foster the enterprise which in the hands of energetic Planters, would it was hoped, be sustained through a period of unlooked for depression.

The only reply received was to the effect that the Government of Mysore did not consider any further concession desirable.

The expressed opinion of Government being so diametrically opposed to the matured views of this Association, it was considered possible that the Government was in possession of, & had been influenced by, General information relative to the position & prospects of the

Cardamom industry which might not be applicable to the special locality & circumstances referred to by us, & consequently the Honorary Secretary solicited the favor of copies of the reports of the various District Officers which had been submitted for the information of Government.

This request having been refused, the Association, while expressing its deep regret that the Government of Ceylon did not see fit to encourage further discussion before so peremptorily signifying its disagreement with the views of the Members of the Planting community, deemed it its duty to enlarge upon the hardships of Cardamom growers & point out that these were induced by the incidence of a general acreage assessment & intensified by the unexpected change in the position & prospects of that special industry.

Every endeavour possible was made to explain the special & peculiar circumstances of the case in a very carefully prepared letter which was forwarded in March of the current year by the Honorary Secretary.

In this communication two points of very great importance were dwelt upon,-

A. That it was feared lest the ruling of Government might in any way disturb or restrict the discretionary powers with which the Superintendent of Forests & Surveyor & Settlement [illegible]

B. That adequate allowance had not been made in the Kadamoney & Bargey munnay Estates for "Khrab" or bona fide uncultivable land intimately mixed up in the holdings which although perfectly useless could not be cut off or resigned without ruining the compactness of the grant as a convenient workable property.

During my visit to Mysore I ascertained that all the representations from the Association had engaged the earnest & most careful consideration of the Government of Mysore and I came away with the following impressions which I quote entirely from memory as I had no opportunity of making written notes;—

1. That the Superintendent of Revenue Settlement could not revise any settlement already made without the special sanction of the Durbar
2. That most of the arguments advanced by the Association could not, for good & sufficient reasons, be regarded by Government as satisfactory grounds for altering the settlement.
3. That the Government had been assured that an most liberal allowance for "Khrab" had been made.

4. That the figures supplied by the Association were inaccurate.

5. That although the Government of Mysore was diametrically opposed on principle to any disturbance of the settlement, unless it could be proved to be imperfect, it is not averse to accord indulgent consideration to encourage the cultivation of new products on lands on which Cardamoms fail to be remunerative.

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In the first place, I obtained particulars of Survey of the Cadamoney, Munjaulla & Moneybeck Estates through the Survey Department. I selected from Mr Middleton the data which had been supplied to the

Association as an approximate estimate, and requested him to obtain from the local Cutcherry the particulars of the Government demand made upon him on account of assessment.

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I may be pardoned if I say that I am unaware of the precise rules laid down by the Survey Department for the classification of Forest lands and consequently am not acquainted with the indications which go to constitute either first class or "Khrab".

In para 3 of the terms for the settlement of Coffee lands in Mysore attached to the proceedings of the Dewan to His Highness the Maha Rajah dated 2nd August 1881, it is stated that an assessment of eight annas per acre was sanctioned for very poor lands or for lands which have

problem equally simple answers, I confidently hope that any laxity of style may be excused, seeing that the sole object aimed at was the collection of as accurate information as circumstances would permit.

greatly deteriorated in their condition.

I may be permitted to say, as a Planter of twenty six years experience in this Province, that from a Planters' point of view "poor lands" technically so-called may reasonably be considered to include not only rocky, stony, precipitous & inaccessible portions, but all lands wanting in the proper qualities which are essential to constitute them good of their Kind or for the purposes required viz: for cultivation.

Thus lands badly situated in regard to the terrific monsoon rains & wind as well as those which will not retain sufficient moisture from physical defects should certainly be classed in the same category.

I therefore venture to entertain the opinion that Ghaut Forest land, as far as its remunerative capabilities are concerned & with special reference to the undoubted difficulties which, in practice, are found to be inseparably associated with its treatment & culture, cannot bear a heavier assessment than eight annas an acre, when such an assessment is intended to apply to extensive holdings.

I now beg to submit for favorable consideration various memoranda which contain the information I have collected demi officially. I have the honor as an absolute to say that as amended

Tea Weight. Which the 236-10 are [illegible]
been "divided off". This Shrub is not the Shrub or uncultivable land mixed up with the good to which the Association has preferred. Such land could not be "divided off".

Moneybede	Est for Coffee	Grass	Shrub	Total Acres.
No 1	116-17	117-6		833-23

Question as to Mr Lyon

Where is the allowance for Shrub or technically called poor land? Which is the 117-6 of grass? Are the old Durand Clearings clean cut off at your request?

Replies by Mr Tuddenham:

None whatever. I think this must be a mistake, as I asked Colonel Cowie to cut it all out and I lodged an objection regarding it when I discovered it had not been cut out. The Lunzerdeta Coffee Co's or C. Durand's old clearings were never included in Moneybede.

mo superseded by the Survey Department.

Cardamoney.

No.	Fit for Coffee	Grass	Shrub	Total Acres.
1	4750 — 6	314 — 20	20 : 0	5084 — 26
2			256 — 10	256 — 10
3			167 — 29	167 — 29
4			844 — 29	844 — 29
	4750 — 6	314 — 20.	1288 — 28	6353 — 14

No 1. Estate. Nos 2, 3 4 4 Shrab divided off at W. Luddleton's request.

Questions asked by me.

Which are these lands? (2. 3 4 4): Are they clean cut off or are they to represent the rocky land, hilltops & technically called poor land, pierced up with ~~actually~~ in the holding? The 844 — 29 2 Jamy are your old Coffee clearings

The Carnatic Coffee Co's was, and I asked Colonel Cowie to cut it out, preserving only Forest Land within the boundaries.

Munjanhulla	Ts for Coffee	Grass	Khrab	Total Acres
No 1	1443 — 39			1443 — 39
2			22 — 34	22 — 34
3			141 — 13	141 — 13
4			260 — 36	260 — 36
5		146 — 4	137 — 1	283 — 5
	1443 — 39	146 — 4	562 — 4	2152 — 1

All the above numbers were at first Survey measured into one. The Estate has now been divided up as shown.

Questions asked by me.

Which is the Khrab? Does Stubbs Estate

"uncultarable" & technically called poor bits? Are all the old Mungauhulla Company's clearings clean divided off as Kharab?

I have made a rough calculation under the figures given.

	Acres	@	Rupees	Rupees As.
Cadamoor				
Good	4/50	1 R	4/50 —	
Grass	3/5	1/4 —	0/8 — 12	
Mowgbeck				
Good	0/16	1 R	0/16 —	The Association stated as
Grass	1/7	1/4 —	29 — 4	follows;
Mungauhulla				
Good	1443	1 R	1443 —	1200 Acres per rup
Grass	146	1/4 —	36 — 8	Rupees 1648 —
	7487		7053 — 8	Difference
Total Land sup about			4440 — 13 — 6	287 acres 4
		Rupees	7494 — 5 — 6	Rupees 153 — 10 — 6

Mankid Estate. Acreage & assessment.

No / Contains	Acres	Goontas		Rs	P
	716	17	assessed @ ½ per acre	716	0
Grassland	117	6	4 annas	29	0
	833	23		745	0
			Soul Fund	46	9
			Rs.	791	9

Dated 13 December 1888

Memo. Acres Goontas

Totals 1645 13 Rs 1537 6 0

Return as Supplied by N. Narsimengar Annelas of Mungerabad of the increase & amount of assessment of the undermentioned Estates in 1886

Cadamanay

No / Contains	Acres	Goontas		Rs	P
	5064	26	assessed @	5065	0
2 Grass	314		do	78	0
				Rs 5143	0

Return assessed by the Municipal Collectors of the acreage and amount of assessment of the undermentioned Estates.

Cadamany Estate — Acreage & Assessment

	Acres	Goontas		Rs/annas	Rs	a	p
No 1 Coolaus	4750	6	and assessed @	Rs 1/ per acre	4750	—	—
Grassland	334	20		4 annas	84	—	—
	5084	26		Local Fund	4834	—	—
					302	—	—
					5136	—	—

Cumpauhalla Estate — Acreage & assessment

	Acres	Goontas		Rs/annas	Rs	a	p
No 1 Coolaus	1443	39	assessed @	Rs per acre	1444	—	—
Grassland	283	5		4 annas	71	—	—
	1727	44			1515	—	—
				Local Fund	94	—	—

Munjaukulla

	Acres	Roodes	£ s d
No 1 Cultivated	1443	39	1444 0 0
2 (Grass)	146	4	36 8 0
	1590	3	1480 8 0

Maubede

		£ s d
300 acres @ half rate assessment		150 0 0
100	Grass @ 5 annas per acre	25 0 0
400		175 0 0

The figures for Maubede were got from the Auditor previous to the completion of the Survey, hence the difference in figures

Signed / J. M. Macpherson

Memo on above

Total acres 1368 - 29 Total Assessment £ 1698 - 8 - 0

Land Tax 424 - 14 - 6

vs - 7223 — 6 — 6

Replies to questions.

Cadamaury: All these lands under the heading of Vihrab but Rs 846 acre block include about 200 acres of Jungle Scrub & Rocky & precipitous portions & about 600 odd acres of grass land, ale lying towards Munyhuts. Not as per suppose my old Coffee clearings, every acre of which is now being charged for at Rs 1/ per acre. Vihrab Rs 256 acres are the grasslands Lyst cut off along the foot of Mooreangoola too towards Vessenmaay.

The "Vihrab" referred to in Colonel Grants return in no way refers to the uncultivable land mixed up with the good throughout the 4750 acres of Cadamaury which the Association has referred to.

In fact the good & bad are so intimately mixed up in the holding that the latter could not be divided or cut off conveniently.

Munyauhulla:

About 100 acres of the old Munyauhulla Coffee Clearings abandoned Coffee clearings lying to the East of the Munyauhulla Bungalow were 15

Cut off in 1882/83 along with bits of detached Jungle & grassland
may be included in the 260 acres "Khrab" but in the absence of plan
of the Survey, I cannot state positively which of the three lots includes the
abandoned clearings. The bulk of the Khrab is grassland but surrounded
the Estate in powong pe's to the unculturable or poor bits mixed up
in the 1443 acres of Forest retained.

Signed / J S Middleton.

Cadamane 20th December 1888

My dear Mr Anderson,

I am much obliged by your letters of 27th ultimo & 9th Inst
as requested, I now beg to return them with all the information I am able
to furnish you.

The Siam Secretary has supplied me with a copy of the original estimate
of acreage & assessment as supplied to the Association by Mr Maxfield.

Possibly the discrepancy upon mention may have arisen from the fact that the Munyabel Survey was not completed at that time or rather furnished to the Talook authorities.

You will observe that the figures given by the Talook from time to time show considerable inaccuracies. For example in 1886 the then Cuddar gave 5064 acres of Forest land for Cadamanay, while the return now supplied is 4750 acres. Again the figures for Grassland in Munyanhulla was in 1886 put down at 146 acres while now it is entered at 283 acres Also, Colonel Grants figures for Grass on Munyanhulla differ from those given by the present Cuddar. This will explain the difficulty W. Marshall had in giving the Association a correct reliable statement. It may be as well to state here that all the three Estates Madamanay, Munyanhulla & Munybetta were Surveyed by triangulation; although as regards Cadamanay & Munyanhulla a certain proportion of the land under cultivation, about twelve years ago

essentials of fertility, - i.e. the steady accession of humus & other accumulations.
Our soil being largely composed of grit, intermixed with quartz, - while there
is almost a total absence of clay, - is exceedingly porous & incapable of
retaining the moisture requisite to sustain plant life vigorously during the long
dry season we annually experience from November to April. Independently
of this, we have to contend with the terrific violence of the Monsoon winds, -
to which residents fifteen miles further inland are utter strangers, - carrying
desolation in their track. This necessitates the cultivation of an undergro
or Second Shade for the protection of our cultivated fields - an element the lack
did not enter into [illegible] of cultivation. I have also tried
I am at present giving my attention to the growing of Pepper & trust my
efforts in this direction may prove that this plant is more suitable to a soil
which is incapable of growing a plant that requires greater depth and
richness of soil than these Shaut ranges can supply. In fact I may
mention that all the lands in this neighbourhood may be characterized

was actually measured by the chain.

As regards Mungbede, which was surveyed at a later date, no internal measurements ever took place, and as a consequence there was no classification of the land; so that any data the Government may have regarding it must be very unreliable, being the result of observations made externally, as Colonel Bowie never entered the land for the purpose of classifying it.

Knowing all these circumstances, I was much surprised to learn lately that the whole block of Mungbede Forest was returned as first class land by the Surveyor in his report to headquarters.

I may also mention regarding the Cadamanny & Mungaukulla Estates when they were surveyed that no measures exploded the uncultivated portions with the object of classifying them, the Surveyors having confined their attention to the measuring of the uncultivated portions.

No man with any practical knowledge of the peculiar requirements of Cardamoms cultivation would venture to classify my Shandi Jungles as of first class quality. In fact the conditions necessary for the formation of a first class soil are altogether absent, as owing to our rigorous Monsoon & excessive rainfall, the surface soil is

as what the Ryots call "sappé bhumi" which signifies tasteless soil, without strength or substance.

Under all these circumstances I trust the Mysore Government will see its way

First; To allow a reasonable number of years at half rates of assessment to enable me to test the practibility of the growing of Pepper.

Second; To re-open the question of classification and assess to the proper adjustment of the proportion of "Khrab" or bona fide uncultivable portions interspersed throughout my holdings.

With the assistance of the above facts I trust you will be able to bring the whole case before the Mysore Government in a manner that will ensure an early and satisfactory settlement.

Believe me. Yours Sincerely

E.& O.E. Copy/ Signd/ J. S. Middleton.

I ~~I I~~ express a confident hope that the detailed information I have collected will be sufficient to show cause for the indulgent re-consideration of several important details.

The fact that Survey was conducted by triangulation, is in itself a proof

that the matted mass of trees & undergrowth which cover the uncleared jungles, had at the time of original survey not been removed, and if this was the case, I feel sure that Colonel Grant, with his very intimate knowledge of forest life, will be prepared to make every allowance for the divergence of opinion which apparently exists.

Although, as I have said before, I am quite unacquainted with the indications which are taken as a proof of first class land, I feel sure that Mr. Middleton's intimate knowledge of every nook & corner of his immense holding, will be allowed to merit special consideration more especially, as I understand his sole contention to be, that after thirty years of practical experience, he has found that Ghaut lands are for the most part physically unfitted for the requirements of Cardamoms & Coffee under those arrangements for culture which he has hitherto adopted.

Whatever opinions may be entertained on this subject, it certainly appears that there must be grave difficulties in connection with the proper treatment of Ghaut Forest land under cultivation which do not exist in the true Coffee-growing zone, as it is well known that

another trial, under certain improved arrangements for Shade, Shelter & general culture which his Knowledge of Shade land leads him to believe will be successful. Assuming that the fixed assessment aggregates our Rupees Seven Thousand remembering that the assessment is to be considered as an equitable equivalent for the Excise Tax, we find that it would take 28,000 Maunds or 350 Tons of Coffee to represent the assessment. Further if we remember that Coorg 1/2 of Coffee per acre were taken as the average yield when the rules connected with the introduction of the Acreage Assessment were originally framed, an estimate of double that amount (although never yet realized on the average over such an immense property) if now adopted, cannot be in any way misleading so far as the interests of Government are concerned. We therefore find that upwards of 2333 Acres would have to be cleared, planted & brought into bearing before the fixed assessment could be adequately compensated for. Even at the rate of 200 Acres a year which would necessitate the planting of 348,000 plants annually such an enterprise would

Coffee has been tried not only in Cadamoory, Mungaiholla, Seringhede,
Bargeymunay, Bypasore, Cargaairy, Lentcheemellay and in the
vicinity of the Ezoomlee Chaut in Mysore, but also along the Ghauts of
Coorg, Travancore, Wynaud & elsewhere. The results have invariably been
been the same & equally disastrous to the owners.
I have frequently heard old Planters discussing this subject and however it
has always been that there are physical & mechanical defects in all soils
in the vicinity of the Ghauts which cause disappointing results, however good
the soil may appear, & in many cases, even in the face of the most satisfactory
Chemical analysis.
I venture to advance the argument that whatever new products Mr.
Middleton and others may resolve to cultivate in the future, it would not
be safe to calculate on their being more rapidly successful than those which
the whole body of Planters in Mysore continue to grow, as being in the
opinion of an overwhelming majority, the best suited to the soil & climate
of this Mulnad.
I will therefore suppose that Mr. Middleton resolves to grow Coffee

take over eleven years to complete, and as Coffee does not generally
afford crops before the sixth year when grown under shade, the block reserves
would not all be in full bearing before the seventeenth year.

In conclusion while apologizing for any errors as to facts, arguments or c-
-tions which I may have unwittingly made, I most earnestly trust that
I may all the peculiar circumstances of the case into his most favorable con-
-tion. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey & Settlement may see fit to ad-
the Government Valley Zone to accord him the necessary sanction to re-
the settlements referred to, with a view — I am arranging to grant the neces-
-sary additional consideration, which has proved exclusive experience in such
may plead him to consider commensurate with the urgent & special
requirements of those whose interests, however faithfully, have been espous-
by the South Mysore Planters' Association, to the best of its humble
ability.

Yours &c.

Jno. Anderson

President

South-Mysore Planters' Association

24th December 1888.

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From The Supdt. Mysore Revd Survey

To The Chief Dewan of Mysore
Chief Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
General Department

Dated Bangalore
Despatched 9th March/89
Received

ENCLOSURES NO 1

General No. 863 } 187 —89
No.

I am the honor to forward, in continuation of this Office letter No. 85 dated 5th Instant, a further communication from Mr Graham Anderson dated 5th Instant, on the Cardamom question and to request that if possible orders may be passed

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passed in time for the annual
Meeting of the Association which
takes place on the 21st Instant.

J. Grant

Supdt. Mysore Road
Survey

SOUTH MYSORE,
PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.

No. 1025 Munzerabad,
5 March 1889.

Colonel J. P. Gault
Superintendent of Revenue Settlement
in Mysore.

Sir,

After my return from Mysore I carefully made every inquiry which I considered necessary and prepared a Minute explaining certain points of difficulty in regard to the Cardamom question.

Our Honorary Secretary forwarded this document to the Deputy Commissioner of the Hassan District and asked him to obligingly pass it on to you for the favor of submission to the Dewan.

TH' MYSORE,
RS' ASSOCIATION.

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Munzerabad,
5 March 1889.

As I am informed that the document has been recently despatched to your Venture most respectfully to intimate that as Mess[rs] Luddelow & Brooke Marriott leave for England immediately after the Annual Meeting of your Association which will be held on the 21st Inst, and that as I purpose resigning the office of President in view to going to England also, I deem it my duty to inform you that it will afford me much pleasure if the orders of Government could possibly be communicated through me in time to lay them before the Meeting.

SOUTH MYSORE,
PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.

Munzerabad
5 March 1889.

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In conclusion I have the honor to express a hope, that my extreme anxiety to know that Miss & Auditor & Mr Rutt are aware of the ruling of Government previous to their departure and my own desire to avoid any complications in the future in regard to negotiations which have been entrusted to my direction may be most indulgently regarded by the Government of Mysore and myself as an adequate apology for this communication

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Ja. Cameron

President

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References

Peshkar's Lr. 27.5.89

Submitted

30-5-89

Submitted 8/6/89

Dodgson. Early. Wentworth Hoskins. Letter? How many acres: What rate? Progressive from 8 annas to the Rupee? or fixed 8 annas?

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(General Serial No. 29.) 164

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE. 1322 27 MAY 89 85

From The Dy Commissr Kadur

To 86

The Chief Secretary to the ~~Dewan~~ Govt of Mysore.

Dated 18th May

Despatched 21st "

Received

Enclosures No. 4

General No. 75

No.

Sir,

With reference to Your Canarese endorsement No. 3682 (3.) dated 8th March 1887, I have the honor to forward for the favorable consideration and orders of the Govt, Durbaye Byre Gauda's Petition for the reduction of assessment on his Cardamom land. Survey No. 85, Extent 422-16 acres, present assessment Rs. 422-8-, of the Bhairapur village, Mudgere Taluk.

In my letter No. 102

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dated the 13th Instant, I asked the Superintendent of Revenue Survey in Mysore, to favor me with his opinion in the matter of Byse Gauda's Kandayem being reduced. The Survey Superintt. in reply states that he thinks the rate should be reduced to 8 annas. I am also of opinion that this Concession may be reasonably granted to Byse Gauda and request that you will be so good as to obtain the orders of the Government. Copies of this Correspondence are forwarded for information.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
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for & by Commissioner
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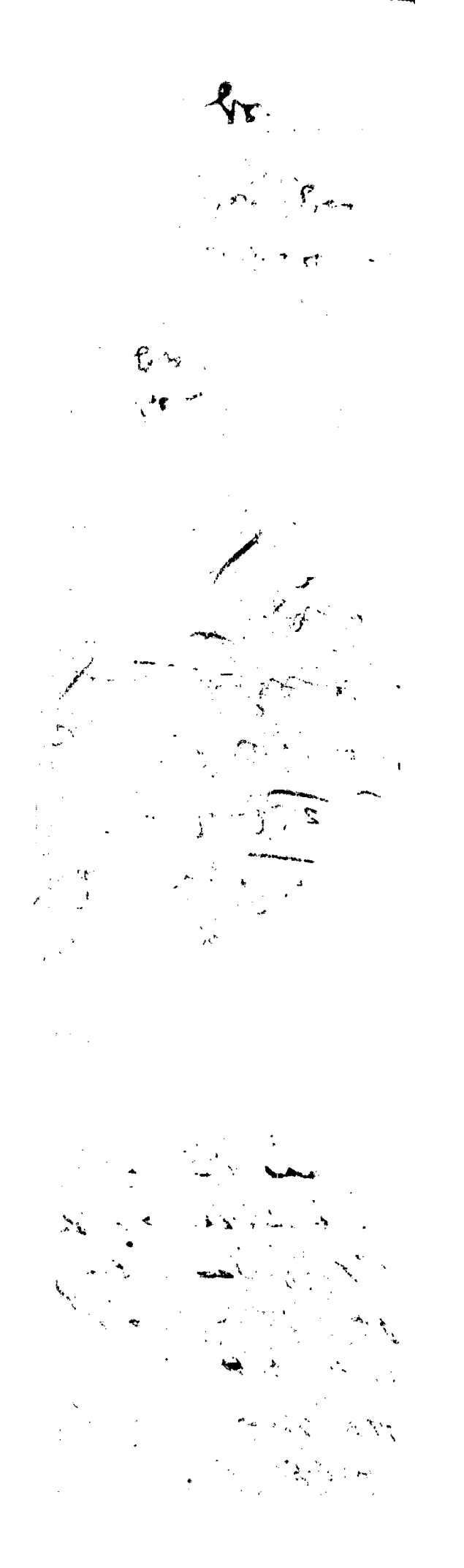

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J. D.

This has to be submitted to the Chief Secretary for the sanction of the Govt. of Assistant

8/6/89

No 102 13 1[illegible] re Dr Survey Camp Dalhatte
Encl 2 Camp Dalhatte 13 April 89

To

The Superintendent

Revenue Survey in Bayer

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information and obliging return the enclosed Petition from Urbage Byree Sanda of the Mudgere Taluk, praying that either 200 acres more or less of Kharab land in Survey No 85 of the Bhyrapur village may be eliminated by breaking up the No into two or that in the case of Mr Brooke Brockett the entire No be granted at 8 annas per acre under rule 3 of the Coffee settlement rules instead of the present rate of one rupee per acre.

2. The area &c of Survey No 85 & of No 14 (Mr Brocketts) are given in the margin.

3. During the Cardamom settlement of 1882-83 Byree Sanda took up 500 acres of land out of No 85. He transferred 50 acres to another man in 1883-84. The remaining land was resurveyed & formed into No 85 & was assessed by Govt at 1 rupee per acre at the time of the resettlement which came into force from 1886-87.

4. As an act of Concession Byree Sanda was given the benefit of the resettlement retrospectively which resulted in the remission of Rs 87-10-6.

As regards Dwr Mrs Skelly's case I beg to invite your attention to the correspondence ending with your letter No 1067 dated 8th March 1887. From the Map I find that Dwr Mrs Skelly's and Byrne Gauda's survey Nos are not very far apart from each other, and though Dwr more than half of Dwr Mrs Skelly's Dr is entered as Kharab and only 40 acres of Byrne Gauda's, there is scarcely sufficient justification for imposing an 8 anna rate on one and a rupee rate on the other. It is unlikely that the whole of the 422 acres entered as Culturable out of Byrne Gauda's Number (Survey No 85) can be Cardamom bearing land.

6. The price of Cardamoms is very low & taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, I am disposed to recommend Byrne Gauda's Kandayam Leasing Lease but only as a special case & only for five years to 4 annas & an acre. I beg the favor of your opinion in the Matter.

I have the honor &c
(Signed) G. F. Brickly John
Dy Commissr
Kadur

"Copy"
Recommended
Dwr for Dy Commissr Kadur

No 86.

Survey Supt.ts office. 66

French Rocks. 11th May 1889

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To.

The Deputy Commissioner

Kadur District.

Sir.

Enclosure returned

I have the honor in reply to your letter No 102 of the 13th ultimo on the Subject of Bhyre Gowda's cardamom land in the Byrapur village, to State that an examination of the Classers books and original Coffee Sud, shows that a comparatively small portion of Survey No 85 is entered as Kharab, the rest being put down as under Cardamoms.

2. Byre Gowda's desire to resign 200 acres certainly is some proof that the whole of the land cannot be very uniform in Character, but apart from this

I think there is justification for the imposition of an 8 anna rate all round, in consideration of the position of the village with reference to the Ghats and accessibility generally. I am of opinion that the Rate should be final and dependent on the fluctuation of the price of a particular product.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant.

Sigmd J. P. Grant.
Supdt. Mysore Rev. Survey.

Copy.
Krishnamurthy Rao
For Deputy Commissioner
Kadur.

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By Order

Chief Secretary

(General Serial No, 31.)

1887

OFFICE OF THE
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DEWAN MYSORE

From The Superintendent of Census Operations

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore

Dated Bangalore 10th September 89

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No. 2

General No. 343
No.

This Office letter No. 266 dated 21st July 1888 regarding the remission of assessment in the case of certain cardamom lands.

In continuation of the above has the honor to forward the accompanying letter No. 53 of the

the 5th Instant (with its enclosure) from the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong District.

H. Pearce

Superintendent Mysore
Rev. Survey

No 53/C

Deputy Commissioner's office Wapan District

No 476 Dated Wapan 5th September 1889.

9-9-89

From

The Deputy Commissioner

Wapan District

To

The Superintendent

Revenue Survey

Sir

With reference to this office No. 20 of the 19th June 1888, forwarding copy of a letter from the Secretary to the South Mayone Planters' association, praying for a revision of the present settlement of Cardamum lands, I have the honour to inform you that as the matter had been referred to you for consideration, Mr. Middleton who was persistently claiming a concession for his cardamum lands and had in consequence withheld the payment of their Condoyem for years, was asked to remit the amount on the assurance that it will of course be subject to such orders as may be passed by Government as his representation.

2 The arrears exclusive of interest have been

been paid up by Mr. Middleton. Copy of
his letter of protest is enclosed for in-
formation.

3 I request you will be so good as to let
me know if the question of concession prayed
for by the Planters is under consideration
as otherwise measures for the collection of the
large amount of interest due, will have
to be taken, the Government having in their
Proceedings No 5-137-9/136 dated 15th December
1887, once before refused to grant any con-
cessions.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your most obedient servant

In charge of Vaspan
District.

this nature at a more equitable Rate of assessment than that which has prevailed hitherto.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

/Signed/ J. S. Middleton

"Copy"

In charge of Hassan District

C. Rly: No. 225-

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From Mr. J. S. Middleton
Cadumanay Estate
Manjarabad

To S. M.

Dated 28th March 1890.

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Received

Enclosures No.

General No.

No.

Requesting to arrange for an interview with the Dewan about the 17th April for discussing the question of Cardamom assessment &c.

Yrs

Sd

Registered & Rb.d

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Adamanay 28th March 1890

My dear Sir

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I am much obliged for your letter of the 18th instant received two days ago.

I am much perplexed at what you say as to the Dewanny views re the Cardamum question as when I had the pleasure of seeing him in November last, he clearly gave me to understand that as far as my case was concerned, he was prepared to make some considerable reduction in the rates of assessment. That a great omission was made by the Survey Department

in not classifying my lands in a point on which you can easily satisfy yourself. and if through such omission a serious injustice has been done to me, surely my application to the Diwan for redress will not be in vain.

You have seen some of the poor hill sides of my Jungles and can testify to the rocky and precipitous nature of a large proportion of my holdings. While you can also speak with authority as to the great distance we are from Bazaars and supplies of all sorts.

You can also speak as to the very severe winds and heavy rains of the Monsoons with the thousands of Leeches which come with the

wet weather and which we have to
contend with from May to November
and which latter period you know very
seriously affects my labour supply.
I may not be out of place for
me to mention here, in proof of the
difficulties of my position that I am
the only original Settler of that
Kingdom remaining, all the
other holdings granted from say 1856
to 1866 having changed hands. These
include Byrapore Kassanimoonay
Toorcan Coombry. Munjanhilla Coffee C.
Mungebede The Hunzenabad Coffee Co's Geriure
Mallay Cadugerhully Co's Green Jaganarry
Mr Fowlers Barjamunnay Mrs and
Colonel Bousfords Bisley grant.
Nearly all these lands were abandoned
after an expenditure of from Rs 20,000 to 30,000
Rupees, and in some cases a lac to a
lac and a half of Rupees were expended.
Besides these I had to abandon
750 Acres of Coffee land also, but

but even for that land the Mysore Government now want to charge me one Rupee per Acre assessment. While in Wynaad I would only be charged 2 annas per Acre for such land I certainly thought in my interview with the Dewan in November last that he felt disposed in my case to fix a uniform rate of say Eight Annas per Acre on the whole extent of my lands which considering the superior nature of a large proportion of them would be a very good return to Government in the shape of assessment, while it would be rendering an act of justice to me for the wrought or omission of the Survey Officers who measured my lands in omitting to make any

any allowance for 'Kvab' on uncultivable lands

I propose leaving for England about the 21st of next month (April) and expect to be absent 4 to 5 months.

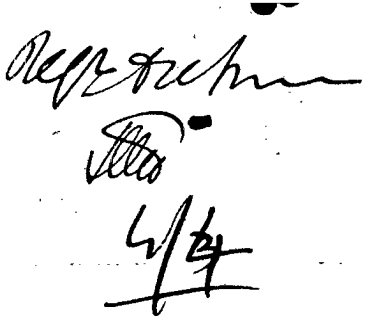
I could run in from Bangalore to Mysore to see the Dewan about the 17th April if you will be so good as to arrange an interview. as I would like to see Mr Sheshadri Iyer once more before he finally disposes of this important question

With kind regards.

Believe me

Yours Sincerely

P. Middleton



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OFFICE OF
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DEWAN OF MYSORE

From Superintendent
The Revenue Survey and Assessment,
Mysore.

To The Chief Secretary
to the Govt of Mysore

Dated 21st June 1890

Despatched do

Received

ENCLOSURES No. 3

No. 158 of 1890.

Forwarding further correspondence on the subject of the assessment of common lands, for the consideration of Her Government.

Sahib to the Dewan - There is a letter on the subject which is with me & shall be sent if directed - On the other hand stating that Govt saw no reason to revise the settlement the Planters' Assn & Mr Middleton have made representations & remain undisposed finally - having read the letters I stated that these representations are being further considered but (with reference to Mr's statement that the Dewan had promised favourable orders) added that Dewan did not seem to have expressed any further opinion on the subject

Resident in Coorg
Comptr. Accts

SOUTH

MYSORE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATION,

WAS HELD AT

SUCKLASPOOR, MUNZERABAD,

On Thursday, 1st May 1890.

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Deputy commissioners office
Kanzan district.
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Dated: Kanzan 17th June 1890.

From
The officiating deputy commissioner
Kanzan district.

To
The Superintendent
Empire Revenue Survey
and settlement.

Sir,

With reference to your letter
No 344 of the 10th september 1889 anent
assessment of Cardamom lands, I
have the honor to submit herewith
copy of letter dated 18th ultimo together
with a Pamphlet containing the
reports of the special meeting
of the south Empire Planters'

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application receives from the
Honorary secretary, and to request
that you will be good enough to obtain
orders of Government on the subject
at an early date as the answer is
withheld on the plea of absence.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

[signature]
Offg Deputy Commissioner

3/6/87

South Wynaad Planters' Association.

Gonikoppal 18th May 1890.

To

The Deputy Commissioner

Wynaad District.

Sir,

In forwarding for your perusal 2 copies of the report of the Special meeting of the above association, I have the honor to beg that you will be good enough to draw the special attention of H.E. the Dewan of Wynaad to the marked paragraph concerning Cardamom taxes assessment, the question constitutes a real grievance in your district and merits favorable consideration.

I have &c

(Signed) J. G. Hamilton

Hony Secy.

(Copy) [illegible] Dy Deputy Commissioner

Camp Reply No. 79 184
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T. Ananda Row Esq is a
Dewan Chief Secretary to The Dewan of Mysore
Registered
Copy pasted in
to the book
enclosed
Mysore

Cdd 13/11 I have the honour to hand you herewith as promised a copy of the Settlement made by Colonel Grant of Mr. Mockett's Estate of Byrapore. part of which lies in the Moodygerry Talook and a part in the Nunjerabad Talook.

Will you be so good as to bring this document to the notice of the Dewan and kindly point out to him that the position of Byrapore Estate is identical in almost every respect with my lands. being Ghaut Jungles and generally composed of poor soil as compared with the more fertile Coffee Zone which runs on both sides of the "Zenneh hollah" for several miles above and below Bucklaspore.

As you are aware Mr. Shashadri Iyer has some objections to establishing a precedent in my case although I am the only original Pattedar of Ghaut Lands from the Kuddadicul Ghaut near Moodygherry to the Naakanaad Palace. South of Mercara which covers a distance of nearly one hundred miles — Surely the fact that every European but myself. who originally took up lands all along that extensive Ghaut range, and after spending large [illegible]

Abandon them is of itself pretty conclusive evidence that the soil is poor, and the climate very objectionable and trying in many ways, as I have previously brought to your notice.

I think I may say without fear of contradiction that the Government of Mysore need not be in the least alarmed about a precedent in my case as there is no prospect of the Ghaut Lands in this neighbourhood being run after by eager applicants, such as may be seen ten or twelve miles further inland.— There are hundreds of Acres available not far from me, but I have not heard of one Durkast, for the last twelve years or more, having been sent in to the Taloor Cutcherry for any portion of them —

I trust after perusing the enclosed document that the Dewan may see his way to order a Settlement of my Lands on pretty much the same basis as has been accorded to Mr. Mockett at Byrapore.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
V. D. Middleton

It may interest the Dewan to know that every mile Eastward and from Cauvery Bungalow gives 1 Oinches less rainfall, or say

Byrapore Estate — Final Settlement — 1340 Fas

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		Acres	Guntas	Rs	a	p
Woodsherry	No 2	2	5	2	0	0
	3	"	34	"	12	0
	4	2	15	2	4	0
Including 18 a. 10 g Karab	5	15	28	11	0	0
	6	42	38	21	0	0
Including Old Coombry Limits Karab	8	795	15	392	0	0
		859	15	429	0	0
Local Fund				26	13	0
				455	13	0
Including Grass —	No 140	180	12	90	0	0
	84	40	22	36	0	0
	143	81	0	81	0	0
Local Fund				12	15	0
	No 82	20	32	21	0	0
Local Fund		"	"	1	5	0
Total Tax in Woodsherry				698	1	0
Nunjerabad — Koombichullah — Part of	No 86	339	19	170	0	0
Including ½ Grass Local Fund		"	"	10	10	0
Grand Total		1521	20	878	11	0

NB — This settlement was made by Coll Kant when Title Deeds were applied for — Title Deeds were granted in accordance with this —

Brooke Brockett

No 427
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From

Hassan District
Dy Commissioner's Office
Dated Camp Channaya-
patna 1st January
6th " 1891

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P. N. Purnaiya Esqre
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To,

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith copies of my letter No. 53/C dated 5th September 1889 to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and his reply thereto on the subject of concession sought for by Mr. Middleton of the Kadamane Estate, in regard to the revision of the present settlement of Cardamum lands and to request to be informed whether the Government intend granting the concession prayed for with retrospective effect.

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An early order is solicited so that I may take steps at once for the collection of arrears due for 1889-90 as well as ₹752-11-0 being the interest due on arrears of former years, in case the Government should decline to comply with the request of the applicant.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt Servt

J. H. Burnaby

Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

Hassan District
D/Nomer's office
Dated 5th Sept. 1889

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From

The D/Nomin[illegible]
Hassan District

To,

The Superintendent
Revenue Survey

Sir,

With reference to this Offi
No. 20 of the 19th June 1888 forwardi
Copy of a letter from the Secretary
to the South Mysore Planters'
association praying for a re-
vision of the present Assessment
of Cardamum lands, I have
the honor to inform you that as
the matter had been referred to
you for consideration, Mr.
Middleton who was persistently
claiming a concession for the
Cardamum lands and had
in consequence withheld the
payment of their Cardamum for you

would ~~asked~~ to furnish the
amount on the assurance
that it will of course be subject
to such orders as may be passed
by Government on his representati

2. The arrears & exclusive
of interest have been paid up
by Mr Middleton. Copy of his letter
& protest is enclosed for information

3. I request you will kindly
advise me if the question
of concession prayed for by the
Hunters is under consideration
& otherwise measures for the
collection of the large amount
of interest due will, have to be
taken, the Government having
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in their Proceedings No 5137-9 dated
13th December 1887 once before refused
to grant the concession.

I have &c
by B. G. Vivian Esqr
for D. Macneir

"Copy"
M Murray
Deputy Commissioner

Submitted for orders.
MRN
10/1/93.
Resubd 23/3/93

(General Serial No. 303)

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DEWAN OF MYSORE

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

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To

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan
of Mysore.

Dated 7th January 1893
Despatched
Received

Enclosures No. none

General No. 732
No.

This office letter
No. 427 (37) dated 15th
January 1891 and
No. 839 dated 7th March
1892, regarding the re-
vision of assessment
on Cardamum lands
held by Messrs Middle-
ton and Brooke Mockett
of Kadrunal and
Hossur Estates:—

Have the honor to
solicit any instructions
on the matter, as it is
reported by the Amildar

of Manjarabad Taluk that a large
[illegible] amount of Kandayam has to be
recovered from them.

N Burnaby

Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

	Rs—	A. P
From M/s Middleton	10110-	9-0
" Brooke Mockett	1557-	1-6
Total	11667-	10-6

reference to this remark, I beg to submit that I might have invited attention to my letter No. 20 Dated 19th June 1888, to the Survey Superintendent, Copy of which was submitted to Government, as intimated in his No. 715 Dated 29th January 1892, on which Government has not not passed orders. I refrained from doing so, because I was under the impression that as the matter was fully investigated by Government during the visit of the Dewan to Kadmaie, in the month of January of the year 1890, and as the same subject had been further adequately represented by the delegate. Mr. Brooke

Mackett

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Rockett in the subsequent years Representative Assembly vide subject No 5 of 1892. I need not repeat what had been placed in a Complete form before Government. I beg however to add that the proposal submitted by me in the letter above referred to is not felt by the Cardamom Planters such as Mr. Middleton as absolutely suited to remove their grievances, because, while I suggested exclusion of large areas of Khanab land interfered in the holding from account in Calculating assessment - they Consider that such exclusion will be impractical - because, the blocks cannot be separately marked

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5. I beg that the statement may be rectified kindly by inserting the number of Planters. The mistake made was of furnishing more information than was wanted. Attention will be paid to guard against it hereafter. The Rules of the Constitution submitted were brief and a briefer account of its Constitution was believed to be not sufficient. It was therefore adopted.—

6 — The Register of subjects was submitted in manuscript form similar to the printed form prescribed, and the error noticed in para 6 of the Docket, under reply, is noted.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
V. K. Venkatramiah
Dy Commissioner
Hassan District

Deputy Commissioner's office
Hassan District

No. 256
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Dated: Hassan 30th September 1893.

From

P. R. Purnaiya Esqr.
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To.

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that the Honorary Secretary South Mysore Planters' Association has represented that the mischief caused to coffee plantations by cattle trespassing thereon is very great and that therefore the provisions of the cattle Trespass Act as amended by Regulation VIII of 1892 should be strictly enforced. This representation of the planting community is I think well founded. In the Malnaad tracts, cattle are let to graze wherever they will, without a watcher. They therefore readily enter into the adjoining

adjoining coffee gardens and break the coffee branches causing very serious loss of crop. I therefore request that the Government may be moved to authorize the levy of fine on the marginally noted kind of cattle in the Taluk of Manjarabad and in the Hobblies of Arehalli Sanivarasanke and Bikkodi of the Belur Taluk, at one and a half of the rate prescribed per head in section 12 of the Act. This heavy charge on cattle impounded, will, I think, lessen the mischief to the estate owners to a great extent by the owners taking proper care of their cattle.

Buffalo
Horse
Mare
Gelding
Pony
Colt
Filly
Mule
Bull
Bullock
Cow
Heifer
Calf
Ass
Pig
Ram
Ewe
Sheep
Lamb
Goat
Kid.

I have &c.

(Signed). P. R. Purnaiya

Deputy Commissioner

Hassan Distt.

"Copy"

V. Ramaswamy Iyengar

For Deputy Commissioner

Hassan District

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Order

W 11813-15 of 19-1-94
R1264 / 22

During the Dewan's
recent tour in the
Malnad, some Coffee
Planters complained
that ~~portions of their~~
~~Estates assessed~~
~~as Coffee land consist~~
~~ed of rocks, that~~
the profits of Canda
-mom Cultivation
by the sides of the
forjes and ravines
between the rocks
were getting more
and more precarious
owing to the ravages
of an intangible
insect, and that

Hon Bble is assessed
under the orders
of H. Dewan
Lr
19/1/94

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under such circum-
stances, the assess
-ment of such lands
at Coffee rates was
fraught with great
hardship. Govt. are
of opinion that some relief is necessary
~~In case has been made out for relief~~
in the case of ~~large~~
estates, in exposed
situations of ex-
cessive rainfall.

1 Cultivated with cardamum

The Deputy Commissioners
of Kadur and Hassan are
requested to furnish
a list of ~~Coffee~~ Estates & the areas concerned
which they consider are
entitled to relief
in the light of the
above observations,
on receipt of which

much the same results.

I am at present giving my attention to the growing of pepper and I trust my efforts in this direction may prove that this plant is more suitable to a soil which is incapable of growing a plant that requires greater depth and richness of soil than these ghaut ranges can supply. In fact I may mention that all the lands in this neighbourhood may be characterized as what the Ryots call "Sappé bhumi" which signifies tasteless soil, without strength or substance.

Under these circumstances I trust the Mysore Government will see its way,

First; To allow a reasonable number of years at half rates of assessment to enable me to test the practicability of the growing of Pepper.

Second; To re-open the question of classification with a view to the proper adjustment of the proportion of "Khirab" or bona fide

cultivation

210.

The Superintendent of Revenue Survey will be instructed to ~~settle the Cardamom~~ advise ~~assessments at lower rates of assessment~~.

Now for the assessment of Cardamom lands may be reduced!

Pvt 9/11/11
Chief Secy

Pvt 9/11/11
Dr W.S.

To
The Deputy Commrs of
Hassan & Kadur Dists

Copy to the Supdt. Rev. Survey

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, (Revenue),—dated 19th January 1894.

No. 11813-15—R. 1264, DATED, BANGALORE, 19TH JANUARY 1894.

ORDER.—During the Dewan's recent tour in the Malnad, some Coffee Planters complained that the profits of cardamom cultivation by the sides of the gorges and ravines between the rocks were getting more and more precarious owing to the ravages of an intangible insect, and that under such circumstances, the assessment of such lands at Coffee rates was fraught with great hardship. Government are of opinion that some relief is necessary in the case of estates cultivated with cardamom in exposed situations of excessive rain-fall. The Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan are requested to furnish a list of estates and the areas concerned which they consider are entitled to relief in the light of the above observations, on receipt of which the Superintendent of Revenue Survey will be instructed to report how far the assessment of cardamom lands may be reduced.

T. ANANDA ROW,
Chief Secretary.

To—The Deputy Commissioners of Hassan and Kadur Districts.
Copy to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey.

Exd.—K.S.

1893—94.

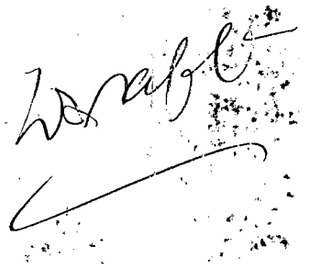
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

REVENUE.

PROCEEDINGS.

Dated 19*th January* 1894.

No. 11813-15.
R. 1264.



Requesting the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan to furnish a list of estates cultivated with cardamom in exposed situations of excessive rain-fall, which are entitled to reduction of assessment.

Mysore Govt. C. Press, Bangalore.—26-1-94.—120.